

A LOVELY BEDSIDE PIECE TO WAKE YOU INTO A BEAUTIFUL MORNING



BAYARD ALARM CLOCK

Modern attractive shapes and colours strong build with repeated alarm system Made in France

SHEZA TRADING COMPANY LTD.

P.O. Box 25155 Galleria Kafra Tel. 423443-423600 Telex 3728 SHEZA LT

ARAB TIMES

NO 7245

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1988

RAMADAN 24, 1408 AH

18 PAGES 150 FILS

Chirac routed: bourse reacts favourably

Mitterrand re-elected

PARIS, May 9. (Reuter): Socialist Francois Mitterrand, dealing the right its hardest blow in 30 years, has won a landmark second term as President of France and become undisputed master of the political centre.

Mitterrand, 71, scored 53.9 percent in Sunday's election route over the conservative forces of Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, who took 46.09 per cent in the worst result for the right since the Fifth Republic was formed in 1958.

Chirac, in keeping with French tradition, is due to hand in his government's resignation. He offered to resign tomorrow. Mitterrand aides said they expected a new prime minister to be named as early as tomorrow.

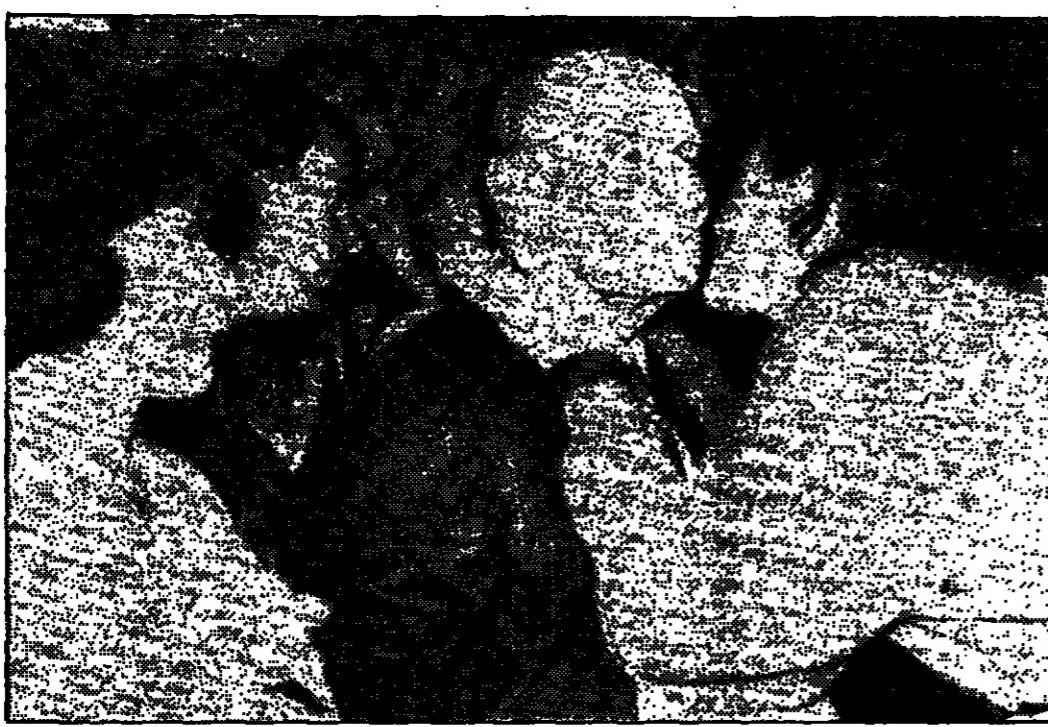
Former Agriculture Minister Michel Rocard, a moderate socialist, is widely tipped as the most likely choice.

"You have chosen to place your confidence in me," Mitterrand said on television 52 minutes after polls closed, as carloads of klaxon-blaring supporters sped cheering through central Paris and crowds of socialists sprayed champagne into the evening air.

Unity

"Therefore I will carry on the mission whose burden and grandeur I have already known for seven years, but which, renewed, commits me to do what I must to unite all those French who want to be united."

Mitterrand effectively neutralised the Communist Party after coming to power with its support in 1981. His march into the centre



Mitterrand gives a kiss to a supporter after winning the presidential election.

on Sunday scattered the right, cementing a fundamental change in the political landscape he has long sought for France.

The main obstacle facing Mitterrand is creating a parliamentary majority in the National Assembly where Chirac's centre-right coalition has a four-seat

Amid hints that centrists would be prepared to cooperate with or even join a moderate Mitterrand government, Chirac's tough-talking campaign strategists, Interior Minister Charles Pasqua, urged conservatives not to compromise with the left.

He urged them to "stick together for new battles ... one campaign is over. New battles loom on the horizon."

With centrist collaboration, the new government could take office without a dissolution of Parliament. But if defeated on a motion of confidence in the days to come, Mitterrand would have to call a snap general election.

Pledge

Chirac, 55, leader of the neo-Gaullist RPR (Rally for the Republic) conceded defeat within minutes of the first com-

puter projections, telling the French people: "I bow to your choice."

He fought vainly to rally a right-of-centre electorate which split three ways in the first round of the election of April 24, with nearly 15 per cent going to far-right anti-immigrant candidate Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the National Front.

Former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, who backed Chirac, castigated the Prime Minister for reaching too far to the right, saying: "If you want to be at the centre, you have to keep the centre."

(Continued on Page 2)

Government urged to grant permanent residence

KUWAIT'S Ministry of Planning has urged the government to develop and implement a plan for granting permanent residence to expatriates after taking the current Kuwaiti population into consideration.

According to statistics, the average rate of growth among Kuwaitis during 1985-86 was 4.9 per cent compared to six per cent for non-Kuwaitis. If growth continues at this rate the Kuwaiti population will represent only 38.9 per cent of the total population by 1990, dropping from 40.1 per cent in 1985.

The Ministry of Planning report on the achievements in the first year of the 1985-90 Five-

Year-Plan indicated that a drop in the number of births and marriages during the first year of the plan contributed to this significant drop.

Housing demands, however, increased, adding to the growing housing problem.

Regarding granting Kuwaiti nationality, recommendations were made to follow carefully defined regulations based on the needs of the country and security conditions.

The ministry recommended that the Kuwait University and the Institute of Applied Education and Training cooperate with each other in an effort to train national manpower to replace expatriates.

Recommendations were also made to encourage women to work in the private sector and that local handicrafts be developed.

The ministry suggested that the organisational structure in ministries be totally restructured and that every effort be made to eliminate unnecessary positions and personnel.

According to the Five-Year-Plan evaluation the government had successfully found alternate income sources and were further developing investments in economic fields by distributing industrial and agricultural ventures among Kuwaitis.

US divers explode mine in Gulf

MANAMA, Bahrain, May 9. (Agencies): US Navy divers have exploded a mine found drifting in the northern Gulf by the missile frigate Simpson amid widespread jitters about Iraq's vow to avenge its defeat by the US Navy last month.

The mine found on Sunday was the first discovered in the area since the US missile frigate Samuel Roberts was nearly sunk by a mine last month.

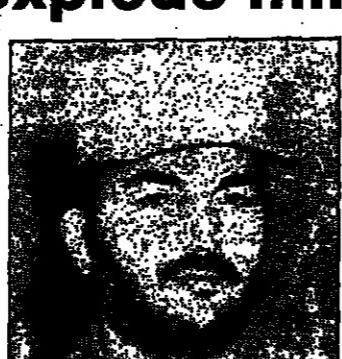
Navy spokesman Lt Cmdr Mark van Dyke told a Pentagon media pool that the Simpson reported the mine was about 85 miles (136 kilometres) southwest of Farsi island, where the Iranians have a military base. Navy divers detonated it an hour later.

Type

Van Dyke said the mine was of an encrusted Myam-type that apparently had broken loose from its mooring.

The Myam is smaller than the type of mine containing 250 pounds (550 kilograms) of explosives that holed the Roberts on April 14 off Qatar, 140 miles (225 kms) southeast of Farsi, wounding 10 crewmen.

President Ronald Reagan has accused Iran of laying the mines.



Shahbazi: chief of staff

to disrupt Gulf shipping. In retaliation for the Roberts mining, he ordered attacks on Iranian oil platforms on April 18.

That triggered a string of clashes between US and Iranian ships.

A multi-national mine sweeping force has detonated at least six mines since the Roberts was hit. French warships have reported finding other mines further south in that period.

Earlier yesterday, three fast-moving motor boats raced across the Strait of Hormuz, gateway to the Gulf, toward a US-escorted convoy.

One darted under the Copeland's guns across the warship's bow. That jarred already jittery nerves aboard the convoy ships as the Whaler-type boat sped past in the wake of the supply ship USS San Jose and the oil tanker Ranger.

All three unidentified boats then disappeared into the sweltering haze, heading toward the Oman coast.

The Copeland's captain, Cmdr G.M. Ziller Jr, radioed a warning to the apparently unarmed boats, but raised no response.

In other Gulf war developments, analysts said yesterday the weekend ousting of Iranian military Chief of Staff Brig Gen. Ismail Shahrabi indicates he has been blamed for Iran's defeat by Iraqi troops on the strategic Persian Gulf last month.

Sohrab's removal was announced on Saturday in Tehran by Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini, who in his capacity as commander-in-chief of the Iranian armed forces, appointed Ali Shahbazi to the post of chief of staff, promoting him from the rank of colonel to brigadier general.

Coordination

The Iranian President has called on the regular Army and Revolutionary Guards to work more closely together, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported today.

President Hojatoleslam Ali Khamenei, head of the Supreme Defence Council, urged cooperation by the two forces when he swore in Shahbazi.

The Revolutionary Guards and the Basij, a voluntary force numbering hundreds of thousands, have borne the brunt of the 7-1/2-year-old war against Iraq since the purge of senior regular Army officers after the Islamic revolution that ousted the Shah in 1979.

One darted under the Copeland's guns across the warship's bow. That jarred already jittery nerves aboard the convoy ships as the Whaler-type boat sped past in the wake of the supply ship USS San Jose and the oil tanker Ranger.

All three unidentified boats then disappeared into the sweltering haze, heading toward the Oman coast.

The Copeland's captain, Cmdr G.M. Ziller Jr, radioed a warning to the apparently unarmed boats, but raised no response.

SALE

All Textiles Company announces its
BIG SALE
of all types of men's clothes of international
fabrics.
Fahd Al Salem St. — Arqaq
Bldg., Shop No. 8
Tel. 2423578

ISSAK

6.30 pm

Drives blindfolded

GIARDINI NAXOS, Sicily, May 9. (Reuter): An Italian conjurer drove blindfolded around this Sicilian town at the weekend confounding critics who scoffed at his earlier attempt that ended with him crashing into a tree.

ISSAK

6.30 pm

BEHCO

MADE IN SWITZERLAND
QUALITY WATCHES

A New range of high quality gents' & ladies' watches has just arrived at our showrooms. Come & have a look at the precision & elegance.

YACOUB BEHBEHANI
Al Safa Showroom: 2421131
Safa Al Wadi: 2429500
Behbehani Complex: 2403654



NO 7245

RAMADAN 24, 1408 AH

Shoot violators on sight order

Karachi under curfew after 32 die in riots

KARACHI, May 9. (Reuter): Pakistani troops enforced a curfew in more areas of Karachi today after a fresh wave of ethnic violence killed at least 32 people and injured more than 150.

The soldiers, with orders to shoot curfew violators on sight, patrolled riot-hit districts of Pakistan's biggest city and witnesses said police searched houses for weapons used in gunbattles yesterday between rival Pashtun and mohajir ethnic groups.

Doctors at hospitals said 32 of the dead and most of the injured came from a northern Karachi district where authorities clamped an Army-supervised curfew at noon yesterday.

Doctors at hospitals said 32 of the dead and most of the injured came from a northern Karachi district where authorities clamped an Army-supervised curfew at noon yesterday.

Doctors at hospitals said 32 of the dead and most of the injured came from a northern Karachi district where authorities clamped an Army-supervised curfew at noon yesterday.

The curfew was extended to more areas in northern and western parts of the city. Last week, the western Karachi district of Orangi was put under curfew to stop similar rioting that killed 14 people.

Government officials put yesterday's fatalities at 15, but doctors said more injured people had

died later, pushing the figure to 36, and raising the death toll in 10 days of ethnic violence in Karachi to 40.

Seven policemen were among those killed in Khwaja Ajmer Nagri. They were caught in crossfire as they tried to dislodge Pashtun gunmen firing from a hill, police and witnesses said.

Three people died in the western district of Nazimabad, before the curfew was ordered there at night, and one person was killed in the Mangopir neighbourhood, police said. Rioters set fire to two markets, a bank and several vehicles in Nazimabad, residents said.

Start

The rioting at Orangi was sparked off on April 29 by a road accident, in which two motorcyclists were killed, but the cause of yesterday's violence was not immediately clear.

Reports in some local newspapers said the trouble started at Khwaja Ajmer Nagri when a man tore up a greeting card bearing the picture of the mohajir

community leader Altaf Hussain. Some residents said the clashes started after some gunmen fired into a street on Saturday night.

Since October 1986, more than 400 people have died in Karachi, the capital of the southern province of Sindh, in clashes between Pashtun from northwestern Pakistan and mohajir immigrants from India.

Promise

Yesterday's violence was the worst since Sind Chief Minister, Ghous Ali Shah resigned on April 6 after critics charged that he had failed to control acts of lawlessness in the volatile province.

Shah was replaced by Akhtar Ali Kazi who said maintenance of peace would be his first priority.

Kazi, in a televised interview last night, promised stern action against what he called a handful of troublemakers and said the situation would be normal in a few days.

4 killed in clashes in Golden Temple

AMRITSAR, India, May 9. (Reuter): Sikh separatists fought a running gunbattle with police in the Golden Temple here today killing four people and wounding at least seven, including a senior policeman, witnesses said.

Police fired light machine guns into the temple, the Sikhs' holiest shrine, after separatists shot a paramilitary police commander in the face critically injuring him.

Witnesses said the gunbattle began at 1.15 pm (0745 GMT) and sporadic firing continued into the evening. The dead, all passers-by, included three worshippers and an Indian Red Cross worker.

At least seven people, including the police officer and a journalist — one of seven trapped in the crossfire for seven hours — were injured, witnesses said.

Police firing from rooftop emplacements sprayed bullets into the sprawling temple complex, the witnesses said.

Several bullets hit the holiest building of the complex, the gold-sheathed Harmandir Sahib, in the middle of a sacred pool, where the holy book of the Sikhs is enshrined.

Police, however, did not enter the temple.

The witnesses said a young man fired a single shot, hitting Virk in the jaw.

"After that it was total bedlam," one witness said. Extremists fired from positions on the temple complex's walls.

Police sealed off the area and clamped a curfew on Amritsar's walled city. Witnesses said sharpshooters with night-vision devices were posted on rooftops overlooking the temple while armed separatists took shelter in the galleries surrounding the holy pool.

"We don't have any plan to enter the temple," a police official in Amritsar said.

Support

Last November's Arab League summit in Amman, Jordan, authorised the League's member-states to restore relations on a bilateral basis with Egypt. With the exception of Syria, Lebanon, Libya and Algeria, all Arab states have reopened ties with Cairo now.

Mubarak visited Saudi Arabia and five other Arab Gulf states in January to show off Egyptian support against Iranian threats.

World famous trade marks

in men's suits, trousers,
and shirts

Special section for
Italian men's shoes
the best section for
children from Europe

Open Friday
Morning & Evening

Station Salem Mubarak Str.
Between Green Saloon & Samah Pharmacy

Tel. 5717665

INTERNATIONAL

Kohl's party discusses loss in state polls

BONN, May 9, (AP): Stunned leaders of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's ruling Christian Democrats gathered today after their party was ousted from power in state elections in Schleswig-Holstein for the first time in 38 years.

The party's top officials, led by Kohl, met in Bonn to access the damage done to the conservative Christian Democrats in Sunday's elections in the northern West German state.

The results marked one of the worst defeats for the ruling party since Kohl took office five years ago.

The Schleswig-Holstein poll also was a decisive victory for the opposition Social Democrats, who had lost ground in a string of state elections over the past 18 months.

While the Schleswig-Holstein election will have little immediate effect on Kohl's coalition government in Bonn, it will boost the Social Democrats' flagging morale nationwide.

The results may also increase bickering with Kohl's often fractious three-party federal coalition.

They will also narrow, but leave intact, the Christian Democratic majority in the Bundestag, or upper house of the West German Parliament.

Unofficial results showed the Christian Democrats polled 33.3 per cent of the vote, which was called to break the stalemate in the state's government that followed an inconclusive election in September 1987.

In the September vote, the Christian Democrats had polled 42.6 per cent of the vote.

Ranking Christian Democratic officials moved quickly late Sunday to play down their party's loss in the elections. They blamed much of the unexpected weak results on the Barschel affair.

After September's vote, neither party could garner enough seats in political maneuvering to form an absolute majority or elect a governor at the head of a coalition.

Barschel stayed on in the interim, but resigned when the dirty tricks campaign was revealed by one of his aides in late September.

Death toll rises to 111

Hand-to-hand fighting in Beirut

BEIRUT, May 9, (AP): Rival Shiite Muslim militias were locked in hand-to-hand combat for control of high-rise buildings in the south Beirut slums today and doctors reported firefights by wild-eyed gunmen in a hospital.

Police said 22 people were killed and 75 wounded, many of them civilians, as the fighting raged for the fourth day, with both sides using tanks, mortars and rockets.

That raised the overall toll to 111 dead and 292 wounded since the fighting between the Amal militia and the Iranian-backed Hezbollah broke out at dawn on Friday.

Ambush

Most of the 18 foreign hostages in Lebanon are believed to be held by extremists in the labyrinthine slums.

The fighting flared after two weekend ceasefires collapsed in the battle for control of the slums that stretch for 16 square miles

No concession to rebels, says Ershad

DHAKA, May 9, (Reuter): President Hossain Mohammad Ershad has ruled out making territorial concessions to separatist guerrillas in southern Bangladesh, saying the government must work harder to find a political solution.

The problem of Chittagong Hill Tracts is a national problem and efforts are being made to solve it politically," he told a meeting of Army officers, ministers and civil servants last night.

Foreign Minister, Humayun Rasheed Chaudhuri, meanwhile, announced that government was ready to accept all Chakma refugees now living in camps in India with assurance of their safety and quick rehabilitation.

He said the government was engaged in a dialogue with Chittagong Hill Tracts Jana Sanghati Samity (People's Unity Society), the radical group, discouraging early settlement. He said, there had been four meetings with them. He also said the radicals do not want peace to return to the district.

REALISM OF MUSIC ... HAVE YOU EVER EXPERIENCED IT?
IF NOT — RUSH FOR A "NATIONAL" HI FI & RADIO CASSETTE AT A PRICE WITHIN YOUR REACH AT NATIONAL Big Sale Up to 31st May '88

ALL NATIONAL PRODUCTS CARRY A WARRANTY BACKED BY EXCELLENT AFTER-SALES SERVICE

RX-XE520F 300W
4-Band (FM/MW/SW/SW) Stereo Double Cassette Component System
5-band LED spectrum analyzer, 7-band graphic equalizer. Double auto-reverse (Deck 1: rec/play, Deck 2: play). High-speed dubbing, and one-touch dubbing. Syncro-reverse and endless relay playback. Acoustic Flat Diaphragm honeycomb woofers. 3-way, 8-speaker system. Gigantic 300W (PMPO) output power. AC/UM-1 battery/DC-in operation 10+ UM-1 "D" size batteries

RX-CW30F 40W
Portable 4-Band (FM/MW/SW/SW) Stereo Double Cassette Component System with Frequency Distribution Equalizer

RX-FW32F
Compact 4-Band (FM/MW/SW/SW) Stereo Double Cassette Recorder with Built-In Clock/Clock/Timer

AMBIENCE STEREO 16W
Compact 4-Band (FM/MW/SW/SW) Stereo Double Cassette Recorder with Built-In Clock/Clock/Timer

EASA-HUSSAIN AL-YOUSIFI
Sole Agent

Technics
GT5200T
520 Watts of Dynamic Sound with Convenient Remote Control

National

(40 sq kilometers) along Beirut's southern edge.

The clashes were triggered when four Amal men were killed in a street ambush. Amal blamed Hezbollah.

Gunbattles flared in the Al-Sahel Hospital, where a doctor said surgeons were forced by battle-shaken militiamen to operate at gunpoint on dead comrades "to bring them to life."

One woman doctor, speaking on condition of anonymity, said rival gunmen had shot it out inside the hospital.

Control

"We've been forced many times to abandon casualties because of gunfights in the emergency ward," she said.

Doctors confirmed allegations by both sides that wounded fighters have been dragged from ambulances and hospitals by their rivals and slaughtered.

Amal and the Hezbollah fighters, who are loyal to Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini, have long

been bitter foes in a struggle for control of Lebanon's 1.2 million Shiites, the country's largest single sect.

Police said Hezbollah fighters, wearing red headbands, appeared to have gained considerable ground in the densely populated Ghobeiri, Bir El-Abed, Hay Madi and Mestraifé neighbourhoods.

Much of the fighting centered on high-rise buildings used by both sides as strongpoints and sniper nests.

"Hezbollah has established control over half of the slums. It only controlled one-third before the current fighting," the spokesman said.

A ceasefire broke down after 16 hours. Syrian and Iranian mediators called another ceasefire for Sunday. But the fighting raged on and intensified after midnight.

Beirut's leftist Al-Safir newspaper said the current confrontation has set the stage for the Syrian Army to move into the slums to disarm the two militias.

know they're imprisoned there."

Thunderous shell blasts shook Beirut all night as both sides mounted grenade-throwing forays against each other's strongholds behind barrages of fire from tanks, mortars and multi-barreled rocket launchers.

Amal's irregulars, with green or black headbands, control most of the districts of Harbet Kreik, Mrejeh, Roweiss, Shiyah and Kassass, a police spokesman said.

"Hezbollah has established control over half of the slums. It only controlled one-third before the current fighting," the spokesman said.

A ceasefire broke down after 16 hours. Syrian and Iranian mediators called another ceasefire for Sunday. But the fighting raged on and intensified after midnight.

Beirut's leftist Al-Safir newspaper said the current confrontation has set the stage for the Syrian Army to move into the slums to disarm the two militias.

Crackdown on mail-order brides

CEBU, Philippines, May 9, (Reuter): A Philippine archbishop has cracked down on mail-order brides by banning marriages between foreigners and local women unless the groom obtains clearance from the church.

Cardinal Ricardo Vidal issued the order following reports of exploitation of the brides by their foreign husbands, a church spokesman said today.

Roman Catholics form about 85 per cent of the population in the Philippines.

Newspapers in Cebu, the country's second-largest city, every day carry hundreds of advertisements from foreigners hunting for brides.

Philippine officials have said some match-making bureaux are syndicates forcing the women into prostitution.

The spokesman said Vidal, head of the Cebu Archdiocese covering four central provinces, told local priests in a recent meeting not to solemnise any marriage application specifying his background was confirmed by a bishop in the man's native country.

Complete figures are not available on how many marriages have been arranged by mail-order clubs but a Manila-based marriage agency said recently it had arranged 12,000 marriages.



Former White House chief of staff Donald Regan holds a copy of his book, 'For the Record', in which he says that virtually every major move and decision the Reagans made was cleared in advance with a female astrologer. (Reuters wirephoto)

Polish workers turn down a compromise

GDANSK, May 9, (AP): Striking shipyard workers today rejected a compromise that would have forced them to end their week-long strike and drop their demand for legalisation of Solidarity in exchange for a pay raise.

"There is no freedom without Solidarity," the workers chanted at a rally this morning after rejecting the compromise offered by management following a four-hour negotiating session with the strike committee, union sources said.

The tentative deal had taken shape in talks revived at the initiative of a politburo member on Sunday, strike leaders said. Interior Minister Czeslaw Kiszczak, a ranking Communist Party politburo member, twice telephoned a lawyer acting as a mediator to revive the talks after they broke down late Sunday afternoon.

Guarantees of safe passage from the shipyard for strikers and the people who have assisted them.

Promises of no disciplinary action against strikers, including fines, dismissals or prosecutions.

A wage increase of \$38 on the average monthly wage of the last three months, or about \$105.

Bingo Day
48 19 71 26

Pope visits 'land of cocaine'

LA PAZ, May 9, (Reuter): Pope John Paul II arrived today in Bolivia, one of Latin America's poorest countries known for its cocaine, inflation and military coups.

Bolivia is passing through a quiet period in its turbulent history, which according to some specialists includes up to 190 coups by the armed forces and more recently an annual inflation rate of more than 23,000 per cent.

But its tradition of protest continues, and in honour of the papal visit more than 5,000 people suspended a hunger strike at the weekend against the free market policies of centre-right President, 80-year-old Victor

Paz Estenssoro.

The Bolivian government, which has devoted much of its energy since 1985 to cutting the inflation rate to less than 10 per cent a year, one of the lowest in Latin America, has also won a breathing space from two political scandals during the six-day visit.

Retired military officers have promised to make no further accusations concerning links between senior politicians and Bolivia's top cocaine trafficker, nor about the involvement of the foreign minister in the kidnapping of the last president until after Pope John Paul leaves the country.

The pontiff's immediate

problem when he landed in this city, nestled in a cleft of the high plain of the Andes Mountain chain, was the altitude—at 4,058 metres (13,400 feet) the pressure overcomes the unsuspecting visitor.

Shopkeepers say the Catholic Church was rented all the available oxygen bottles in the city for the Vatican party and the Pope's schedule includes much longer rest periods than on previous Latin American tours.

The Pope is expected to speak out against drug trafficking during his visit—his first to Bolivia, which narcotics experts say produces the coca leaf raw material for almost half the world's illicit cocaine.

Earlier, Armed Forces chief General Renato De Villa pledged security for any of Marcos's children who might want to attend, but a spokesman for the ex-president said he doubted any would come.

Mass killings

MOSCOW, May 9, (Reuter): Josef Stalin's top aide Andrei Zhdanov organised Nazi-style mass killings of alleged "enemies of the people" in a major provincial city during the bloody purges of the 1930s, a Soviet journal said at the weekend.

The weekly Ogonyok said the massacres took place in Ufa, capital of Bashkiria, after a purge supervised by Zhdanov, Stalin's heir-apparent in the early 1940s. He died in 1948 and is still officially honoured in Moscow.

Angola talks

JOHANNESBURG, May 9, (Reuter): South African Foreign Minister Piki Botha will hold talks with Angolan officials in Congo this week on a Cuban troop withdrawal from Angola, the Foreign Ministry announced today.

It will be the first time a South African minister has held a formal meeting in black Africa, apart from neighbouring states, since May 1984.

Politican killed

COLOMBO, May 9, (Reuter): Unidentified gunmen shot dead an opposition candidate for local council elections in Sri Lanka while he was addressing a meeting, the military said today.

Mitterrand re-elected

(Continued from Page 1)

"The Portuguese people and myself offer you the warmest congratulations on this occasion, historic for both France and Europe," Soares said.

British opposition Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock said: "This is a great victory for Francois Mitterrand and the French socialists and a hammer-blow for the right—especially for the racist right."

A spokesman for Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said she was not expected to make any immediate comment but might send a standard congratulatory message to Mitterrand in due course.

In Vienna, Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky, a socialist, hailed Mitterrand's re-election as a "great day for European social democracy," the Chancellor's office said in a statement.

He was particularly pleased that Chirac's signals to the right-wing camp had obviously had no success, the statement said.

Italy's Social Democrat leader Antonio Carlucci, whose party is among the five in Italy's ruling coalition, said in a statement: "It is a splendid victory for someone who has been able to reconcile the principles of reformist socialism with the national interests of the French Republic. We can learn something in Italy from Mitterrand's plan to bring together centrists and reformist socialists."

NEWS IN BRIEF

21 Turks killed

ANKARA, May 9, (Reuter): Kurdish rebels killed 21 Turkish villagers in three attacks in Turkey's troubled southeast at the weekend, the semi-official Anatolian news agency said today.

The rebels, members of the Marxist Kurdish Workers Party (PKK), gunned down 10 civilians in the hamlet of Behmeniz near Nusaybin in the south-eastern Mardin province last night, the agency said.

Tourist murdered

ISTANBUL, May 9, (Reuter): Two thieves stabbed to death a British tourist and stole \$100 from his vehicle at the weekend, Anatolian news sources said today.

The semi-official Anatolian news agency said two unemployed 18-year-old men, both former cake shop workers, would be charged with the murder of Peter Holden, aged 40, and with theft.

AIDS tests

TAIPEI, May 9, (Reuter): All foreign students will be required to take an AIDS test before entering Taiwan universities starting this year, an Education Department spokesman said today.

He said in an interview that the government was also considering mandatory tests for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome for overseas students already here.

Funeral march

MANILA, May 9, (Reuter): The Philippine military today gave soldiers permission to join a funeral march for deposed ruler Ferdinand Marcos's mother and said it doubted any group would exploit the burial to stir up political turmoil.

Earlier, Armed Forces chief General Renato De Villa pledged security for any of Marcos's children who might want to attend, but a spokesman for the ex-president said he doubted any would come.

Building destroyed

SHANGHAI, May 9, (Reuter): A building in the Chinese city of Shanghai was destroyed by fire, killing at least 100 people, officials said today.

The weekly Ogonyok said the massacre took place in Ufa, capital of Bashkiria, after a purge supervised by Zhdanov, Stalin's heir-apparent in the early 1940s. He died in 1948 and is still officially honoured in Moscow.

Building destroyed

SHANGHAI, May 9, (Reuter): A building in the Chinese city of Shanghai was destroyed by fire, killing at least 100 people, officials said today.

The weekly Ogonyok said the massacre took place in Ufa, capital of Bashkiria, after a purge supervised by Zhdanov, Stalin's heir-apparent in the early 1940s. He died in 1948 and is still officially honoured in Moscow.

Building destroyed

SHANGHAI, May 9, (Re

No plans to raise electricity prices at present: Rqobah

By Fathima Ahmed

KUWAIT'S Minister of Electricity and Water, Dr Homoud Abdulla Al Rqobah, says there is an urgent need to form a long term strategy to preserve and avoid wastage of "non-renewable energy resources".

Al Rqobah did not elaborate but said he is concerned about the amount of water and electricity wasted by consumers. "They must not waste energy. It is a non-renewable resource and a vital life-line," he stressed.

"By avoiding wastage, we can bring down production costs, slow down expansion," he told the Arab Times in an exclusive interview.

Due to the high cost of production, there were reports that MEW might put up charges. Al Rqobah, replying to a question, said MEW has no plan, for the time being, to raise electricity prices.

Lowest

Electricity costs in Kuwait are the lowest in the world at two fils per unit, but costs 20 fils per unit to be produced. The government heavily subsidises electricity production, paying more than 90 per cent of the total cost.

In 1986, MEW studied a proposal to raise unit costs to about 14 fils per unit. The proposal was shelved, but recent reports said that MEW is once again studying a rise in prices.

Al Rqobah, without committing himself, hinted at the possibility of a graded increase in the unit cost of electricity in future.

Minimize

"If we raise the price, it would be gradual increase, depending on the amount of units consumed per month."

"The unit cost would range from two fils per unit to 12 fils maximum, with 5 fils and 7 fils per unit for consumers using at the rate of 6.8 per cent over the

specified amount of electricity.

"If there is any increase, it would be to minimise wastage, and not to earn money," said the minister.

MEW is concerned about the per capita consumption of power, which is the highest in the world. Last year, per capita consumption was 9,744 kWh. In the last 30 years, it has risen 10-fold. Today, there are some 243,202 users, consuming 346m watts in 1987. About 47.3 per cent of total generated power is used in homes while industry consumes 14.6 per cent. A total of 65 per cent of power is consumed during May to August; mainly for air-conditioning.

Export

Despite wastage, Kuwait is in a position to "export electrical energy" to neighbouring Gulf states. Under a scheme to link the electric networks in GCC states, Kuwait would supply electricity in "emergencies". The idea mooted in the early 1983 is known as the GCC grid project.

The Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research first studied its feasibility. Recently a second study costing \$1 million began to find the "best way" to link the GCC networks. The study would be completed in a year.

"Another study is being done to find out the best way to connect the network cable," he said. How the project will shape up, he said, depends on the outcome of a further study.

Water

On water supply, he said: "Kuwait has made an emergency water supply plan." Under the plan, water is being stored in special reservoirs for use in an emergency. About 130.6 million gallons of fresh water were consumed daily in 1987. Consumption has grown at the rate of 4.9 per cent between 1983 and 1987.

Maximum consumption grew at the rate of 6.8 per cent over the



Al Rqobah

last five years. In summer, 200 million gallons per day are consumed. In winter, consumption falls to 90 million gallons.

Apart from reservoirs at home, Kuwait has plans to bring fresh river water from Iraq. Completed plants were at an implementation stage for the Iraq Pipeline project, which was delayed. Recently, another study has been instituted to study the feasibility of the project.

Change

Al Rqobah said: "This new study will enable us to determine the intake of water, pipeline path, length of the pipe, diameter and the economy of the project." The study is to be completed within seven months and would also indicate the economic feasibility of the project.

He did not comment on the pipeline route, or if there is a chance of relocating it, but added: "We are examining the project from all angles. We don't know which proposal we'll accept, but it will be a proposal with maximum intake from the river."

Replies to a question about the safety of the pipeline, Al

Rqobah said: "Of course, we are concerned about sabotage. We'll take every measure to protect the pipeline from our side and so will our neighbour, Iraq."

Recently, Turkey proposed the "Peace Pipeline" to supply fresh water to Kuwait and other Gulf states. Al Rqobah said: "We'll wait and see how the study evolves."

Discolouration

Until alternatives are found, Kuwait will produce its own fresh water, and is exerting efforts to improve the quality of potable water. Fresh water reserves are to be doubled to meet future demands.

Al Rqobah said a survey is to be done in the Shuwaikh Area to find out if the "water is clear."

Reddish coloured water has been a cause of concern for both the ministry and consumers. Discolouration occurs after desalination, and is caused by contamination.

Recently, a new method of desalination has been started. "We are doing what nature does. And we believe, water is becoming cleaner and cleaner."

Change

The outcome of the survey, to be reviewed shortly, would determine how effective the new desalinating method has been.

Plans are afoot to change the entire water pipeline network in Kuwait. Officials believe that as the "pipes are very old," they are contaminating water. Efforts are also under way to provide direct piped water to homes around Sabkha.

By the year end, Kuwait will press into service the Sabae power station, multiplying the power production capacity.

Such efforts to increase the production of electricity and water would be more successful if "consumers did not waste the resources," said the minister.

Palestinian participation in peace conference

A PALESTINIAN official yesterday stressed that the PLO only accepts one of two forms of Palestinian representation in the proposed international peace conference to solve the Middle East crisis.

In a statement to a Kuwaiti daily, published here yesterday, Abu Ali Mustafa, assistant secretary-general of the Popular Front and member of the Palestine Liberation Organisation Executive Committee said the forms are an independent Palestinian delegation on equal footing with the other parties or a joint Arab delegation with a united Arab stance.

Abu Ali was denying recent reports that the PLO has accepted to a Palestinian representa-

tion through a joint dual delegation with an Arab country.

He underlined that the PLO did not sign any agreement on such issue, pointing out that a new round of Syrian - PLO talks will begin in the Syrian capital within the few coming days.

Asked about the inter-Palestinian fighting between Falah and Abu Mousa groups in Beirut's refugee camps, Abu Ali accused some quarters, who he said were affected by the Palestinian-Syrian rapprochement, for being behind the fighting. The official did not name those quarters however.

He said the fighting did not have any effect on the Syrian-Palestinian or the Palestinian-Palestinian dialogue, pointing out that all Palestinian ranks denounce such irresponsible behaviour.

In response to a question, Abu Ali expressed hope that positive results would be reached, when talks between the national reconciliation committee of the PLO and ranks of the salvation front are resumed.

Contract signed

THE Ministry of Electricity and Water yesterday signed a contract with a foreign company to supply and install electricity lines in Sabkha.

On the first day of the visit, the minister and the accompanying delegation will be received by HH the Amir.

Ministry plans to close health centres at midnight

THE Public Health Undersecretary, Dr Nael Al Naqib in an interview with a local newspaper stated that the ministry intended closing all health centres at 12:00 midnight. Conversely, there could be advantages in opening some health centres during weekends and official holidays. To circumvent causing any inconvenience to patients, doctors would be requested to contribute an extra couple of hours every week.

The pragmatism of the concept is being thought of, as late night centres do not justify the extra spending compared to the number of cases attended. Late

night shifts, according to Naqib were for emergency cases only.

To provide additional and better equipped health centres to benefit patients, he commented that the ministry proposes instituting nominal fees for services.

A resident, Ahmad Al Qalaf stated that his family lost a baby due to lack of a hospital centre in proximity to his house and believed re-opening health centres closer to residential areas was essential.

However, Jad Abdullah, another resident, felt that hospitals in Kuwait are fully equipped to receive emergency cases making reopening health centres



HH the Amir yesterday received the chairman and members of the Kuwait Lawyers Association.

Hotel industry in Kuwait hit by economic slowdown

By Nawaf Al Fahd

THE hotel industry in Kuwait is one of the businesses affected by Kuwait's economic slowdown.

The industry reached its peak in the early 1980s, and the Commerce and Industry Ministry agreed on 40 licences for hotels. But the boom did not last very long, and in 1988 the first class hotels in Kuwait could barely cover their expenses.

The deputy general administrative and financial director of the Kuwait Hotels Company, Abdul Aziz Al Wazzan, told the *Seyassah* newspaper that Kuwait was not a tourist country and had too many hotels. He added that many tourist projects were executed to meet tourist needs

and these were enough. He said Kuwait should use its many resources in better ways to attract more visitors.

The general manager of the Kuwait Regency Palace Hotel said that stopping visas to Kuwait, though a correct security measure, had affected the economy in many ways, with, for instance, fewer foreign businessmen visiting Kuwait because it took them longer to get visas.

War
The sales manager at SAS Hotel said the Gulf area, especially Kuwait, was much better off in the early 1980s. He said the hotel industry had not expected the boom to last forever, and took steps to meet changing conditions.

Outstanding students honoured



Presenting a prize to a top student.

THE dean of students affairs at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training held a ceremony on Saturday to honour outstanding students at the various authority colleges for the academic year 87/88.

The ceremony was held at the theatre of the College of Commercial Studies for girls in Hawalli and attended by the dean of the Students and Trainees.

Decision on bank service fees

THE Governor of Central Bank of Kuwait, Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah yesterday said that the CBK's board of directors endorsed decision fixing maximum fees to be collected by banks for their services to the public.

He added that the decision, passed after approval of the finance minister, aims at establishing a clearcut relation between the banks and their clients as far as fees are concerned.

Sheikh Salem noted that

Affairs at the Authority Hisham Al Mutai, the dean of the College of Commercial Studies for girls, Dr Hasan Ibsir and senior officials from the Authority and colleges and the parents of students.

The dean of the students and trainees delivered the key note address in which he urged students to exert themselves towards excelling their disciplines. He stressed the importance

of the role of youth activities in useful and rewarding activities.

He stressed the vital role of parents in providing family guidance, supervision and enhancing the capabilities of their student children towards sound goals.

The dean then distributed the cups and prizes to the honoured students.

Preparing unified curricula

DR Abdul Rahman Al Muhalan, the Director General of Kuwait's Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, met yesterday with the telecommunication and air navigation team responsible for preparing the unified curricula for the Gulf Cooperation Council technical centres.

Dr Al Muhalan praised the work of the team in carrying out the curriculum project, which is intended to contribute to technical development among GCC member states.

Team members included: the head of Foreign Networks, Hussain Al Jannas; his deputy, Musaad Al Berjis and engineers Hamdi Lutfi and Fahmi Ghali from the telecommunication and air navigation centre's teaching staff.

Al Jaberiya returns to service

A LOCAL daily reported that KAC's aircraft "Al Jaberiya" which was recently hijacked returned to service last Thursday. A source at KAC denied that the plane's cabin was damaged. After a complete change of seats in the first class, maintenance work and some minor touch-up, the jet flew the London/New York sec-

interests of both the banks and the public were taken into consideration. He added that the decision was taken after ensuring that the fees were just and in conformity with nature of the banking services.

Top donor
KUWAIT has maintained its position as one of the world's top foreign aid donors despite falling oil revenue, a Kuwaiti official said yesterday.

Sheikh Salem noted that

Students' team meets Nouri on credit system

HISHAM Al Awadi, the head of student affairs at Kuwait University's National Student Union, said that a delegation from the union had met with the Education Minister and Acting Higher Education Minister Anwar Al Nouri to discuss the union's dissatisfaction with the university's credit hour system

The delegation said that the charter should make some provisions for the stability of students' academic levels and should compensate students of the 1986 enrollment class.

The delegation requested that the class of 1986 be given another chance to continue their studies at the university for an additional semester.

The minister promised to present their requests to the university administration for review.

UAE students to start military training

ABU DHABI, May 9. (Reuters): The United Arab Emirates (UAE) faced with a possible spillover of the Iran-Iraq war, said yesterday that the plane's cabin was damaged. After a complete change of seats in the first class, maintenance work and some minor touch-up, the jet flew the London/New York sec-

GCC media coordination praised

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Information Minister Sheikh Ahmed Ben Hamed has praised the coordination in media field between the Gulf Cooperation Council states.

In an interview with Al Seysah, Sheikh Ben Hamed added the GCC countries agreed on full cooperation to give prominence to the media role to develop their societies.

Regarding the Iraq-Iran war, the UAE information official called for an immediate end to that "destructive" war, and hoped that the latest efforts by the UN will be crystallized to reach an end to this conflict.

He strongly rejected the Israeli threats against Saudi Arabia, when the latter purchased Chinese missiles and its interference in the GCC states internal affairs.

3,000 students to be admitted

THE assistant of the dean of registration, Dr Jaafar Asiri was quoted as saying "3,000 students will be admitted during the new academic year 1988/1989" and confirmed that as per university policy the majority of students would be accredited to scientific disciplines.

Oil cables

KUWAIT'S Electricity and Water Ministry has announced that it will start connecting oil cables in different areas of the country within three months.

It added that work in the Shuwaikh area will start on May 7.

Sheikh Nasser receives lawyers' delegation

SOCIAL Affairs and Labour Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohamed Al Ahmed Al Jaber yesterday received a delegation from the Kuwaiti Lawyers Society.

Headed by the society's board chairman, Mishari Mohammed Al Osaimi, the delegation comprised deputy board chairman Abdallah Abdul Ghafour, Secretary Nader Al Awadi, treasurer Badr Al Badr and members Abdenni Alsayegh and Fahd Abdallah Khazam.

The encounter took place on the occasion of electing the new society's board.

Activities of the society and affairs of the lawyer's profession were tackled during the meeting.

Government concerned about agricultural sector

THE head of the productive agricultural Cooperative Societies Union, Barak Nasr Al Noun, has said that the government appears to be showing an increased concern for the agricultural sector in Kuwait.

In an interview with a Kuwaiti daily, Al Noun said that the restructuring of the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources was an important step in improving the country's agriculture.

He said that the agricultural development in Kuwait depends on specially trained manpower. He added that it was required that workers in agriculture be given more incentives to continue their work in this sector if it is to grow further.

Al Noun emphasised that the increased awareness was one of the factors that would help in the development of the agricultural sector and expressed hopes that with the distribution of more agricultural land among residents, the agricultural contribution to the country would expand.

Soviet official confers with King Hussein

AMMAN, May 9. (Kuna): Soviet envoy Mikhail Stinko conferred here last night with King Hussein of Jordan on Moscow's efforts to help resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict, a report quoted an official Jordanian source as saying.

The Gulf war came up as well in the talks between the monarch and Stinko, the director of the Soviet Foreign Ministry's Middle East department, the source added.

Earlier this evening Stinko, who is on a Middle East mission that will take him to Kuwait on Monday, discussed with the Jordanian Foreign Minister, Taher Al Masri "the latest initiative" to end the Arab-Israeli conflict, according to the Soviet embassy here.

The envoy, who arrived here Saturday night, reviewed with Al Masri the topics that the Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze will discuss in his forthcoming visits to some Arab Middle East countries, including Jordan, a Soviet embassy official was quoted as saying.

Fahd's message

DOHA, May 9. (Kuna): Qatar's Amir Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamed Al Thani yesterday received a message from Saudi monarch King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz, Qatar news agency reported.

The message, which was delivered by the Saudi Ambassador to Qatar, Abdulla Muhamed Al-Zaid, dealt with Arab and Islamic issues in addition to the two Gulf Cooperation Council members.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audiences

HH the Amir yesterday received the board chairman of Kuwaiti Lawyers Society, Mishari Mohammed Al Osaimi, and board members on the occasion of their recent election to the board of directors.

Iftar banquet

HH the Amir yesterday held an iftar banquet at his residence in Dousman for the Al Kuwait Sports Club team, winner of HH's Soccer Cup.

Amiri cable

HH the Amir yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to the Czech President on the occasion of his country's National Day.

Crown Prince cable

HH the Crown Prince and Premier, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to Czechoslovakia's Premier on the occasion of his country's National Day.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Mitterrand urged to pay more attention to uprising

A KUWAITI newspaper issued an appeal to President Francois Mitterrand, of France, to pay more attention to the continuing Palestinian uprising in his second presidential term.

Headed by the society's board chairman, Mishari Mohammed Al Osaimi, the delegation comprised deputy board chairman Abdallah Abdul Ghafour, Secretary Nader Al Awadi, treasurer Badr Al Badr and members Abdenni Alsayegh and Fahd Abdallah Khazam.

If the uprising does not occupy its reasonable place in France, then "it is regrettable that a country such as France, whose name is closely linked to slogans of fraternity, freedom and equality, does not pay attention to the uprising," the newspaper emphasised.

It noted that the "giant uprising" has changed the political map of the Middle East, revived the Palestinian question and presented the Palestinian people to the world as a "conscious" people.

The political developments in the Middle East, Al Watfa concluded, could play an important role in the internal politics of France just as has happened yesterday when Mitterrand won the elections 12 hours after the announcement of the release of three French hostages in Lebanon.

Mitterrand was, on Sunday, elected President for a second term, winning the votes of 54 per cent of the French people. Jacques Chirac, the Socialist Prime Minister who won 46 per cent of the votes, was due to officially resign his post yesterday.

Sheikh Issa briefed on Palestinian uprising

MAHMARA, May 9. (Kuna):

Director of the PLO's political department Farouk Qaddoumi last night met here with Amir of Bahrain Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, Bahrain's Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa and Interior Minister Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa attended the meeting.

Qaddoumi added that Sheikh Issa hailed the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories, and reiterated Bahrain's continuous support for the Palestinian revolution until they restore their legitimate rights under the leadership of the PLO.

The Palestinian official arrived here yesterday for a day official visit to Bahrain within a tour to a number of the Gulf states.

Omani minister invited to visit Tunisia

MUSCAT, May 9. (Kuna): The Minister of Civil Service Ahmed Bin Abdul Nabi Macki will visit Tunis next August at the invitation from his Tunisian counterpart Hussein Al Sharif, the Omani news agency reported yesterday.

The Tunisian Ambassador to Oman Mohammed Al Yasser delivered a message from Al Sharif to the Minister of Civil Service when he called on him here yesterday, the message included an invitation to visit Tunisia.

Saudi aid to Sudan

RIYADH, May 9. (Kuna): A Saudi Royal Forces plane carrying various food supplies left here last night to Sudan to distribute the foodstuffs among the drought stricken victims.

Saudi Press Agency said that the assistance comes in response to the Saudi monarch King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz's recommendation to continue sending Saudi people donations to the victims of African countries.

Another plane is scheduled next week to leave from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, for the same purpose.

The paper said that the first step to be taken by the organisation's four member-states would be to revive \$620 million of its capital frozen in Swiss and Western banks since 1979.

Another UAE daily Al Ittihad reported that Egyptian Prime Minister Atef Sedki will visit a number of Arab states particularly GCC states after the Eid Al Fitr holidays, according to the Sharjah-based daily Al Khaleej.

The visit is meant to be a follow-up to the tour of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in the Gulf earlier this year, the paper said.

Judgement upheld

KUWAIT'S Court of Appeal upheld the judgement delivered by the Court of First Instance on a defendant accused of assault.

The Court of First Instance had ordered the defendant to pay KD4,000 as compensation for the loss of six teeth suffered by his victim. The Court of Appeal rejected a defence claim that the loss of teeth could not be constituted as permanent mayhem.

The visit is meant to be a follow-up to the tour of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in the Gulf earlier this year, the paper said.

SITUATION VACANT

A leading company in Kuwait requires a dynamic

SALES SUPERVISOR

for its perfumery & toiletry divisions

Candidates should have marketing

background and a valid Kuwaiti

driving licence. Experience in similar

field will be considered an added

advantage.

Please call Tel. 2423351 for appointment or write to P.O. Box 28, Safat, Code 13001, Kuwait.

EVENTS

Yugoslav diplomat holds art show

A spectrum of changing colours

By Jadranka Porter

DIPLOMATS and artists may often rub shoulders at social functions but they are people not usually thought to be cut out of the same fabric. Jovica Prodanovich, 49, the Yugoslav embassy's counsellor in Kuwait, defies that description. Prodanovich, a lawyer by training, is a successful diplomat and an accomplished artist. Later this month close to thirty of his works, mainly oils but some watercolours too, will go on show at Kuwait's Boushari Gallery. This is his third one-man exhibition, the first two having been held in

Yugoslavia, one in Belgrade and the other in his native Daruvar.

Prodanovich has managed to reconcile his career as a diplomat, which requires ability for an objective approach in fact-finding and analysis, with painting which for him is a personal expression of his inner thoughts and feelings and a subjective vision of his environment.

Dilemma

"A diplomat's life is kind of programmed," he says pointing out that painting complements his career. While at work he practices restraint, when painting he unleashes his emotions

and is free to get involved. The current reconciliation of professional and artistic pursuits was preceded by a dilemma many years ago when Prodanovich had to decide what college to join. In the end he opted for law and specialised in international relations. There were some practical considerations in his decision but he was also deeply aware that the art school in the Yugoslav city of Zagreb, where he lived, was heavily influenced by different schools of art, the abstract in particular. Prodanovich was reluctant to compartmentalise his training. If he were to study art it would be to have a considerable freedom of choice to satisfy the creative urge that has lived in him since his childhood.

Career

Painting remained his constant companion throughout his student days and later when he pursued a career as a journalist at Zagreb TV station and when he entered the diplomatic service.

One thing he is sure of — painting is not his hobby. It is much more than this. It reflects a need to give a definite form to the usually unexpressed areas of his spiritual and emotional life. Painting also defines his relationship with the environment. In Kuwait, Prodanovich drew inspiration from the fast-disappearing reminders of the traditional life.

Inspired by tradition: a Kuwait scene by Prodanovich

His paintings stand witness that foreigners in Kuwait are not indifferent passers-by but are ready to register and absorb the local culture and even stamp it with their own contribution, such as his works. That aspect is particularly pleasing for Prodanovich.

His works, dominated in content by landscapes, are also a vehicle that takes him close to nature. If he had a choice he

would always paint in open air rather than in a studio. "In the studio the artist is on his own, what he paints comes from him. But when you are doing a landscape while actually having it in front of you, the spectrum of changing colours, light, shadow and mood is overwhelming," he says. "There is nothing like it in a studio."

The exhibition will be held at the Boushari Gallery, Salmiya, from May 22.



Landscape: a vehicle that takes the artist closer to nature

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Boushari Gallery: Watercolour paintings by Yugoslav artist Jovica Prodanovich will be exhibited at the Boushari Gallery, Salmiya, from May 23, 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.40 pm.

Iwan Gallery: An exhibition of paintings by Iraqi artist Saad 'Abbas is open daily from 10 am to 1 pm and 8 to 11 pm at the gallery in the Zahra complex, Salmiya.

Sultan Gallery: The Islamic Heritage of Spain is open daily from 10 am to 1 pm and 7 to 10 pm at the Sultan Gallery, Thunayan Al Ghaniyah Bldg, Al Soor St.

THEATRE

Sounds Great: Singers will be auditioned for a pop-rock musical "Sounds Great" 8 pm, May 14 (Sat) at the Sunshine School, Salwa. The musical will be presented at the Salmiya Cinema on June 10. For details ring producer-director Ken Winston — 5740256/7, am or 5758870 pm.

Konkani Drama: The Colva Dramatic Troupe will present a Konkani drama entitled "Mujem Dusrem Ghor" on May 20, 4 pm, at the Indian Arts Circle, Funaitas. The play has been written by Rosary Fernandes. Performers include Mendes Brothers, Marcus Vaz, Xavier Gomes and Frank and Philip. For tickets contact Colva committee members.

Natya Bharati: Natya Bharati, a group of Indian amateur dramatists, will present a Hindi play, Undersecretary, a comedy, on May 18, 7 pm, at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium.

I Got Rhythm

A musical show featuring Reem Yousef Kelam will be presented in the Grand Ballroom, Regency Palace hotel, on June 2, Thursday. Tickets — KD 10 including dinner. Produced and directed by Glenis Muckle and Kerry Langley. All proceeds will be donated to the British charity Medical Aid for Palestinians to help Dr Pauline Cutting, OBE, and her team, to provide medical care for refugees. For details call 2627003.

Kuwait Singers

"Songs for a Summer Evening" is the title of a concert by the Singers. It will be held at 8 pm on May 31 and June 1 at the UAS, Salwa. Tickets — KD 2. For reservations ring 3940770 ext. 57; 5384873; 5740627 (answering service).

Kuwait Players

Antidote — a Kuwait Players show of quick fire adult comedy sketches ranging from the subtle to the plain crazy, will be held from May 11 to 15, 7.30 pm, at the Universal American School, Salwa. Tickets — KD 3. For reservations call 5613465; 5610925 (pm) or 5611546 (pm).

KLT: Ahamdi, will present Brigadoon, a musical, on June 1, 7.30 pm, gala night. Further performances are at 8.15 pm on June 2, 3, 9, 10. Tickets — KD 3. Children — KD 2. For reservations ring 3983724.

CINEMA

Kuwait: Dubai Pharmacy Souk Wafeq, Algiers St. Ibn Hayan Pharmacy Mubarak Al Kabir St. Hawalli and Negra Al Walid Pharmacy Tunis St. Salmiya and Rumaihiya Al Quds Pharmacy Tunis St. Fahabeel and Ahmadi Al Adel Pharmacy Awadih Bldg, Fheeh Jeeb Al Shiyookh Al Nimran Pharmacy Opp. Intermediate School Jeeb Al Shiyookh Al Zahra Pharmacy New Market

MUSICIAN: Kanoon Kanoon Hai (Hindi) Grasada Jatra Yatra (Malayalam) True Stories Starring: Joab Goodman Al Hamra Rage of Honor Drive-In Karakoun Fi Al Shrah (Arabic) Salabikhah War Time Al-Sleeb Dharmo Amar (Bengali) Ahmadi Drive-In Shahed Athbaat (Arabic)

PRAYERS:

Fajr	3.30 am
Zahr	11.44
Asr	3.20 pm
Maghreb	6.30
Isha	7.56

Tarzan's Secret Treasure

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus: Tiger Joe Starring: David Dirbeck, Annabelle Al Salimiya True Stories Starring: Joab Goodman Al Hamra Rage of Honor Drive-In Karakoun Fi Al Shrah (Arabic) Salabikhah War Time Al-Sleeb Dharmo Amar (Bengali) Ahmadi Drive-In Shahed Athbaat (Arabic)

PRAYERS:

Fajr	3.30 am
Zahr	11.44
Asr	3.20 pm
Maghreb	6.30
Isha	7.56

Tarzan's Secret Treasure

SOCIAL

Mushaira: The Halqa Shoor-e-Adab, a literary society, will hold a poetry evening — mushaira — on May 19, Thursday, at the home of Abdal Ghaffar Naseer. M.D. Khan will be the chief guest and Omer Khatab Iram will preside over.

Kuwait Caledonians: "Ceili'd" will be held on May 26, Thursday, at the Holiday Inn Hotel, 7.30 pm for 8 pm. Entertainer from Scotland will be Bill Barclay. For reservations phone 5610673 or 5335082.

May Queen: The May Queen will be crowned at the Sheraton Hotel, Grand Ballroom, on May 16. City Lights and Stepping Stones in attendance. Highlight of the evening is a fashion show by Tapati Ray. The event has been organised by the Kuwait Goans Association.

Flaskik Cooking Class: The monthly Flaskik cooking class will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel on Wednesday, May 25, 4 pm. For details call Rory — 2330000 F/B Office.

SPORTS

PBAK Marathon Bowling Tournament: First marathon bowling tournament will be held for three consecutive days from May 18 to 20 at 300 Club from 9 am to 6 pm. The first day will be for men; and the last day for women. Fees for men — KD. 5.50; women — KD 4. For details contact PBAK Sarah Macarumbang — 4843447.

Kuwait Nomads

Tuesday, May 10, club annual general meeting at Gazelle Club, 7.30 pm.

Mini Olympics: The Filipino Mini-Olympics will be held on May 17, 7 am, at the Keifan stadium. Games include basketball, volleyball, lawn tennis, table tennis, darts, dama and bowling. All events, except bowling, will be held at Keifan. Bowling will be held at the Silver Tower bowling lanes. Lawn tennis takes place at the Qasida Club, Hawalli. Spectators are requested to bring Kapilka ID cards for easy entry. For details call Bong Melencio — 4877793.

Filipino Marathon

The Filipino marathon — batakan buro 88 — will be held on May 17 (3 km), May 18 (5 km) and May 20 (10 km). This event is open to all Filipinos — individuals or teams. For details call Bong Melencio — Louie Alcaraz — 4877793.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 1.00 Holy Quran
- 1.10 Tao Tao: cartoon serial
- 2.00 Zahrat Al Saif: historical serial, starring Abdullah Ghath' Hussein Fahmi Yusuf Shaban Amina Rizk Imaan Toqi Hala Fakher.
- 3.00 On Ramadan religious programme
- 3.35 Jarooch: daily serial, starring Zubair Numani, Maha Saleh, Dawood Jalajjal.
- 4.45 Sanawat Al Sabar: daily Arabic serial.
- 5.30 Hadith Deenii: religious talk
- 6.30 Cartoons
- 6.45 After Iftar
- 7.00 Madinat Al Riyah: children's serial, featuring Khalid Al Obaid, Abdul Rahman Al Aqal, Jassim Nabhan, Mohammad Jaber, Ahmad Saleh, Huda Husain.
- 8.15 A Talk Show on

KTV 2

- 9.00 Deeraat Al Khair: On Ramadan
- 9.30 Ramadan Contest: News in Arabic
- 10.00 Musafir Bila Hawaiyya: daily serial, starring Ghanem Al Saleh Hayat Al Fahad.
- 12.00 Late Night Serial: Saber Ya Umm Saber
- 1.00 Hal Yardi Jameel Al Atir: Arabic film, starring Sana Jamil, Samir Ghahim, Abdul Mumtaz Ibrahim, Nadiya Rashad, Ruhaya Khaled
- 2.15 News Summary
- 2.20 Holy Quran/Closedown

- 9.40 Islamic Horizon: "The Forty Hadith".
- 10.00 Lorne Greene's New Wilderness: a look at the blue stork.
- 10.30 Leg Work: "Things that go Bump in the Night". Another innocent work seeks the assistance of the pretty detective.
- 11.00 Twilight Zone: tonight's tale is about three teenagers; they meet a magician who promises to find them girlfriends.
- 12.00 Feature Film: "North Beach and Rawhide". Starring Harry Falk, William Shatner, Tate Donovan, James Olson. Ex-con who now runs a dude ranch takes on delinquent city teens to teach them responsibility.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

- 0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 This Particular Place (ex 3rd Journey Round My People)
45 Network UK
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 Tech Talk
30 The Jesus (ex 31st Music of the Royal Courts)

0900 World News

0920 Radio Newswatch

15 A Jolly Good Show

1600 World News

09 Commentary

15 Omnibus

45 The World Today

- 0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 This Particular Place (ex 3rd Journey Round My People)
45 Network UK
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 Tech Talk
30 The Jesus (ex 31st Music of the Royal Courts)

0900 World News

0920 Radio Newswatch

15 A Jolly Good Show

1600 World News

09 Commentary

15 Omnibus

45 The World Today

- 0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 This Particular Place (ex 3rd Journey Round My People)
45 Network UK
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 Tech Talk
30 The Jesus (ex 31st Music of the Royal Courts)

0900 World News

0920 Radio Newswatch

15 A Jolly Good Show

1600 World News

09 Commentary

15 Omnibus

45 The World Today

0900 World News

0920 Radio Newswatch

15 A Jolly Good Show

1600 World News

09 Commentary

15 Omnibus

45 The World Today

0900 World News

0920 Radio Newswatch

15 A Jolly Good Show

1600 World News

09 Commentary

15 Omnibus

45 The World Today

0900 World News

0920 Radio Newswatch

15 A Jolly Good Show

1600 World News

09 Commentary

15 Omnibus

45 The World Today

0900 World News

0920 Radio Newswatch

15 A Jolly Good Show

1600 World News

09 Commentary

15 Omnibus

45 The World Today

0900 World News

0920 Radio Newswatch

15 A Jolly Good Show

1600 World News

09 Commentary

15 Omnibus

45 The World Today

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

HUMILITY is the solid foundation of all the virtues — Confucius, Chinese philosopher (551 BC-479 BC)

Mistrust mars Indo-Pak ties

By Rajendra Bajpai

NEW DELHI (Reuter): India and Pakistan, often the worst of enemies and never the best of friends, will open talks later this month to allay mutual suspicions, but few expect dramatic results.

The home secretaries of the two countries, their ministries' top civil servants, meet in New Delhi on Indian charges that Pakistan is arming and training Sikh extremists.

The defence secretaries will meet in Islamabad for talks on the disputed strategic Siachen Glacier, where Indian and Pakistani troops have fought intermittent battles at an elevation of 6,000 metres (19,000 feet).

Pakistan has denied that it is training and arming Sikh militants fighting for an independent homeland.

An Indian Home Ministry official said New Delhi had conclusive proof of such activities and that they had forced Indian security forces to fence off part of the border.

Smuggling

The official said the Indian government had the upper hand over extremists until last December but large-scale smuggling of Chinese-made AK-47 assault rifles from Pakistan had upset the balance in favour of the guerrillas.

Humayun Khan, Pakistan's ambassador to New Delhi, told Reuters: "I have to concede that in the last four or five years India has made this problem of our alleged interference in Punjab a major issue affecting the overall relationship."

"Indeed from time to time as the situation in Punjab has reached periodic crises, India has made this the stumbling block in the way of bilateral relations."

For 40 years since Pakistan was carved out of partitioned British India to create a home for Muslims, mutual suspicion and mistrust have guided the actions of both countries.

They have fought three wars, two of them over Kashmir. The last in 1971 led to the dismemberment of Pakistan when its eastern wing, wedged between Indian states, became Bangladesh, home for Pakistan's Bengali

Dae-Jung seeks to change his image

By Lee Su-Wan

SEOUL, (Reuter): Kim Dae-Jung, South Korea's best-known dissident, is trying to bury his "populist firebrand" image and project himself as a political moderate following his party's big election success.

In the new, fluid political climate in Seoul, Kim is proclaiming that his Party for Peace and Democracy (PPD) will no longer "oppose everything the government proposes."

The 63-year-old two-time presidential candidate, long vilified by officials here as a communist sympathiser, the "red under South Korea's bed," is even reported, astonishingly, to be planning visits to police and Army units "to boost their morale."

The dramatic swing in Kim's fortunes, following a period of political eclipse after the divided opposition went down to inglorious defeat in the December presidential election, came with the shock result of the April 20 National Assembly polls.

Against all predictions, President Roh Tae-Woo's party lost its majority and the PPD emerged as the largest opposition bloc in a chamber which, for the first time in modern South Korean history, was in a position to block government legislation. Suddenly all the rules were changed.

"In the opposition camp, the main development in recent days has been Kim Dae-Jung's efforts to re-cast himself as a moderate," a foreign analyst said.

"Kim has made numerous pro-business statements, emphasising his support for laissez-faire capitalism and a thriving stock exchange," he added.

Kim surprised many political observers last week by even hinting that the opposition might postpone until after the Olympic Games and on Oct 2 a series of highly sensitive assembly probes into political scandals under the rule of former President Chun Doo Hwan.

Long-standing taboos broken

Push into Lebanon signals new Israeli policy

By Nicolas B. Tatro

TEL AVIV, Israel, (AP): Israel's sweep into south Lebanon last week broke long-standing taboos against risking confrontation with Syria and attacking pro-Iranian guerrillas holding US hostages.

The two-day "Operation Law and Order" signalled a new Israeli willingness to get involved in Lebanon despite the national trauma suffered by a three-year occupation of Lebanon that cost nearly 700 lives and deeply divided Israel.

As in Israel's 1982 invasion, the incursion triggered a debate on the defence minister's failure to notify the cabinet of his plans to launch a large-scale military action near Syrian Army lines.

It also risked reprisals against foreign hostages held by pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon, although comment on this issue was muted in Israel.

In a two-pronged thrust, a force of about 1,500 Israeli soldiers and allied South Lebanon

Army militiamen pushed beyond the six-to-10-mile border security zone for the first time since February 1986.

They came up empty-handed in a sweep of Muslim villages near the western slopes of Mount Hermon, limiting their action to distributing leaflets warning residents not to cooperate with Palestinian commandos.

Fought

A second column of Israeli tanks and infantry, backed up by helicopter gunships, fought a short but fierce gunbattle with Hezbollah men dug into the abandoned village of Maydoun, 12 miles (19 km) north of Israel's border. Israeli officials said 40 Hezbollah men and three Israeli soldiers were killed.

Uri Lubrani, the Defence Ministry's coordinator for Lebanon policy, said the Army was prodressed into action by 12 Palestinian commandos who disrupted life in northern Israel and cost the lives of 11 Israeli soldiers since November.

He and other Israeli officials suggested that if such raids failed

to keep the border safe, Israel might have to adopt the "dreadful option" of invading Lebanon as it did in 1982.

"Whatever we are doing along the border, and this operation was just one facet of a whole mesh of activities, is all designed to one purpose: to avoid the possibility that will have to move into Lebanon in force, with divisions and stay there," Lubrani said in an interview.

Confrontation

The search-and-destroy mission came within a few miles (km) of Syrian Army lines in Lebanon, raising fears of a confrontation with the Soviet-backed government in Damascus.

The Liberal daily Haaretz suggested Lubrani changed targets in midcourse and attacked a Hezbollah base near Syrian lines after failing to find Palestinian commandos in villages near Mount Hermon.

"There is reason to ask whether it was necessary to take such a risk by increasing the penetration range to the point of proximity to the Syrians. I don't

think it may be called routine," he said on Israeli television.

Among those Israeli Radio reported to be critical of Rabin's failure to notify the cabinet was former defence minister Ariel Sharon, who was himself attacked for failing to keep the government informed about his 1982 invasion.

Rabin said actions to protect the northern border did not require advance cabinet approval, and his spokesman, Eitan Haber, noted that Rabin informed Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. But Shamir was quoted by the daily Maariv newspaper as saying he was not aware it would be "on such a wide scale."

Rejected

Abba Eban, chairman of Parliament's Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, rejected Rabin's explanation that the operation was routine and did not need government approval.

"Such an operation, on such a scale and with the possibility of entangling results because of the closeness to the Syrians, I don't

think it may be called routine," he said on Israeli television.

Among those Israeli Radio reported to be critical of Rabin's failure to notify the cabinet was former defence minister Ariel Sharon, who was himself attacked for failing to keep the government informed about his 1982 invasion.

Rabin said actions to protect the northern border did not require advance cabinet approval, and his spokesman, Eitan Haber, noted that Rabin informed Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. But Shamir was quoted by the daily Maariv newspaper as saying he was not aware it would be "on such a wide scale."

The operation also broke a previous reluctance, reportedly based on a US government request for restraint, not to attack Shiite Muslim commandos in Lebanon for fear of endangering US and other foreign hostages, including two Israeli soldiers captured by Hezbollah in February 1986.

Lt. Gen. Dan Shomron,

"Why Hezbollah?" Uzi Mahanaim asked in a front-page commentary in the mass circulation Yediot Ahronot daily. "Hezbollah is not the Israeli Army's main enemy in south Lebanon and hasn't tried to penetrate into northern Israel."

Other analysts suggested it was futile to try to wipe out commandos because they would only reappear elsewhere.

Mitterrand has moved from left to centre

By Jeffrey Ulbricht

PARIS, (Agencies): Socialist President Francois Mitterrand has been a prominent face on the French left since the end of World War II, but in recent years he has moved markedly to the political centre.

Mitterrand was re-elected to a second term on Sunday.

But commentators say he must move fast if he is to capitalise on his personal triumph in trouncing the rightist candidate, Prime Minister Jacques Chirac.

"Mitterrand will have to succeed quickly in opening up the political scene," said Jerome Jaffre, chief analyst for the Sofres opinion poll organisation.

"If he does not, then a great wave of disappointment will overtake him."

Mitterrand's goal is ambitious: to shatter the right so

that socialists and centrists become the natural parties of government in France.

Even before the final results of the poll were announced, Chirac's centre-right coalition, which has a four-seat majority in parliament, was, crumbling under the shock of Chirac's defeat.

Mitterrand was re-elected to a second term on Sunday.

But commentators say he must move fast if he is to capitalise on his personal triumph in trouncing the rightist candidate, Prime Minister Jacques Chirac.

"Mitterrand will have to succeed quickly in opening up the political scene," said Jerome Jaffre, chief analyst for the Sofres opinion poll organisation.

"If he does not, then a great wave of disappointment will overtake him."

Mitterrand's goal is ambitious: to shatter the right so

that socialists and centrists become the natural parties of government in France.

Even before the final results of the poll were announced, Chirac's centre-right coalition, which has a four-seat majority in parliament, was, crumbling under the shock of Chirac's defeat.

The coalition, led by Chirac's neo-Gaullist RPR (Rally for the Republic) party, split between those who would consider working with Mitterrand and those bent on bringing down his government.

Unlike his first term in 1981, when Mitterrand allied with the communists behind a programme of radical reforms, the President has this time campaigned on a platform of moderation and continuity, openly courting middle-of-the-road voters.

The strongest backing for Mitterrand came from former President Valery Giscard D'Estaing, who looks set to play a role in parliament in fostering centrist support.

"We will judge the new government according to its acts," Giscard said in a statement. "We must not decide in advance to censure it."

Mitterrand needs the support of only four members of Chirac's coalition in order to govern — provided he sticks to a moderate programme acceptable to the centrists.

Chirac and his ministers are in a weak position to control their roost in parliament as they were obliged under French law to resign their seats when they joined the government. This positions Giscard as the right's natural leader in parliament.

Some commentators see Mitterrand's comeback as a revenge drama, plotted by the President to crush Chirac for the humiliation he inflicted on Mitterrand in the 1986 general election.

"Everything looks as if Mitterrand had arranged the socialist comeback for years," Sofres' Jaffe said.

In 1986, Chirac deprived Mitterrand of a parliamentary majority, forcing the socialist to take a back seat and name his arch-rival to head his government.

Mitterrand's first two years in office, 1981-83, involved implementation of long-held socialist ideas and were largely a failure. The radical philosophy of "rupture with capitalism" founded on the rocks of economy.

After trying to spend their way to prosperity, the socialists ran up the national debt without



Bihar peasants turn to Naxalites

By Seema Sirohi

ARWAL, India, (AP): Communist guerrillas, fighting high-caste landlords, have found fertile recruiting ground among the landless peasants of Bihar, India's poorest and most backward state.

Officials concede that the landlords, who brandish rifles and sticks as they ride motorcycles across fields where peasants toil for little or no wages, are a law unto themselves.

The guerrillas, who adhere to a Maoist ideology of violent overthrow of the oppressors, are organising the peasants into demanding wages and protesting the frequently reported rapes of women by the landlords' private armies.

Known as Naxalites after Naxalbari town where their movement was founded, the guerrillas gun down landlords who often enjoy immunity from legitimate authorities.

While newspapers and government leaders warn of "the Naxalite menace," the peasants are increasingly turning to the guerrillas as their last hope.

Opposition parties have long demanded investigations into the Army's bloody crushing of a communist uprising in the southwestern city of Kanchipuram, and the alleged corruption of Chauhan and his relatives.

So great was Kim's political disgrace under Chauhan who jailed him for sedition in connection with the Kanchipuram incident and later clamped him under house arrest more than 50 times, that the dissident used to joke to the guerrillas as their last hope.

The guerrillas don't give us wages," said Mateshwari Devi, a farm worker. "If we fight, they rain bullets on us."

Sitting on the floor of a dark mud hut, she said: "We neither have land nor grain. How are we to survive?"

The rally had been called to protest a local landlord's claim to

a tiny piece of land that the government had granted to poor families.

An official inquiry into the killings was ordered, but the report was never made public. Officials who spoke on condition of anonymity said the inquiry found the firing was justified on grounds of "apprehension of breach of peace."

Shooting

The state's 85,000-member police force has tried to stop the killings, but the problem is more complex than simple law and order.

Officials say the problem goes deeper, because it stems from the abject poverty of the low-caste masses and injustices committed by the powerful landlords who are almost always from the upper castes.

Grievances

"This is an economic issue, and the Naxalites provide an aggressive forum for airing peoples' grievances. When they agitate, roads get built and things happen," said R.N. Dash, Home Secretary for Bihar state.

The ancient divisions of the caste system fuel tensions between the haves and have-nots.

Bihar's 80 million people have an annual per capita income of \$111 less than half the national average of \$244.

Arwal, a village of 4,500 people, is a case in point.

In April 1986 police opened fire on a meeting of about 300 peasants and labourers, killing 23 people.

The rally had been called to

protest a local landlord's claim to

a tiny piece of land that the government had granted to poor families.

Landless peasants have been

handed over the islands, then

Queen Victoria in 1874.

Ratu Sir George Cakobau (pronounced Thakembau), grandson of the king and former prime minister, now claims the royal title Tui Viti. The title had been vacant since the British monarchy became Fiji's sovereign.

The Indians outnumbered ethnic Fijians 348,704 to 329,305 and also controlled the nation's commerce, stirring resentment.

The predominantly Fijian Army arrested Prime Minister Dr Timoci Bavadra, a Fijian, and his cabinet, suspended the constitution and instituted rule by decree.

The 1970 constitution under which Fiji became independent from Britain created a parliament weighted in favour of ethnic Fijians.

The country is now seeing factional and clan rivalries among Fijian chiefs whose word is law in the village-based society.

It was to solve just such tribal

rivalries that King Seru Cakobau

handed over the islands, then

The Kennedys, Queen Juliana, and Emperor Hirohito all have a Falabella

Big demand for midget horses

By Victoria Azurduy

BUENOS AIRES: The smallest horses in the world are approximately the size of a suitcase: 40 centimetres high, 80 centimetres long (15.6 inches by 31.2 inches) and weighing about 20 kilograms (44 pounds).

It was more than a century ago that an Italian immigrant, Julio Falabella, began to breed the horses, and today they bear his name, the "Falabella Breed."

The tiny four-legged creatures have also meanwhile

become one of the most hotly sought-after items which Argentina has to export.

Today's midget breed are descendants of a wild breed of horses which began populating Argentina with the first arrival of the Europeans.

It was a Spaniard, Pedro de Mendoza, the founder of Buenos Aires, who brought the first 44 horses to Argentina in 1532. The horses originated from Spain's Andalusian region.

Many of the horses escaped and the runaways, returning to the wild, procreated at an astonishing rate. By the end of

the 16th century, there were already thousands of wild horses roaming the Argentine pampas.

Three centuries later, the immigrant Falabella took it into his head to try to breed the wild domestic horses into the smallest-sized species possible.

Falabella's sons carried on his work, crossing the animals with the Shetland ponies of Europe. By 1916, they had bred horses just one metre (3 feet, 3 inches) tall. Further selective breeding continually scaled down the size of the horses in the course of the succeeding decades.

Today the Falabella breed has nothing more in common with the Shetland Ponies.

"The smallest Shetland Ponies when they reach maturity normally range between 90 and 130 centimetres (35-51 inches)," one Argentine breeder remarked.

"By contrast, our horses are never taller than 50 centimetres (19 inches)," he adds. The breeder noted that both the Falabella and Shetland horses share one characteristic — great resistance to illnesses and ability to cope with inclement weather.

In the course of time, various

legends seeking the mini-horses as a pet are attracted by the fact that it is no problem feeding them, since the Falabellas can get along on a bit of grazing grass and maybe a bowl of oats.

"You have to keep the lid on the volume of their feed, because they have a tendency to get fat," a Falabella family member comments. "But they only need as much room as a dog and so you can keep them very well in your garden or back yard."

Worldwide demand for the tiny animals remains enormous, say the breeders. A Falabella horse sells for about \$2,960, though stallions can cost as much as three times that much.

Among the first foreign buyers of Falabella horses were the Kennedy family in the United States, Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, and Japanese Emperor Hirohito.

Now the horses are regularly exported to the United States, Japan, and various European countries. In France, one veterinarian wrote a doctoral thesis which contended that the Falabellas were a "model breed."

Legends have somehow attached themselves to the tiny horses, one being that they only

mate by the light of the moon. "Not an ounce of truth to this," says the Falabella family.

"We apply an absolutely natural method in selecting the horses for breeding. The mid-

get horses are the result of more than a century of work and dedication."



Two Anatolian shepherd dogs at a Turkish state farm.

Turks seek new role for ancient shepherd dogs

By Hugh Pope

BURSA, Turkey, (Reuters) — Few who pass through Turkey forget an encounter with the Anatolian shepherd dog.

The lion-like creatures, with their powerful jaws, ferocious bark and heavy iron-spiked collars appear menacing although they rarely attack people.

For thousands of years Anatolians, which weigh 40 kg (90 pounds) and can stand two metres (six feet) tall on their hind legs, have dutifully guarded sheep, shepherds and villagers from the rustlers, wolves, jackals and bears that prowl the highlands of Asia minor.

In Babylonian times, a strikingly-similar breed hunted lions and wild horses and was used in warfare. The animal is depicted in 3,000-year-old Assyrian bas-reliefs in the British museum.

Now two animal-raising centres near the western Turkish city of Bursa have begun testing the Anatolians' civilian and military talents.

"We think in time the Anatolian may surpass both the German Shepherd and Dobermann Pinscher," said a trainer working with the Turkish Army's 12-year-old breeding programme.

The Anatolian is noted for its strength, loyalty, resistance to disease and ability to work in temperatures of under 20 degrees below zero.

The Turks, who are training them for patrol and guard duties, tracking and detecting explosives, have a vital first task: to save the dogs from degeneration caused by mixed breeding in their central homeland.

"It is a growing problem, but we must preserve them. They are part of our heritage," said Bulent Kurultay, director of the agriculture ministry's Kurucabey state farm.

Plunder

Black or white heads and coats ranging from white to russet are accepted. But in Karacabey's neat, 50-kennel building, chief Vet Bahar Ozmen pointed to mottled hair, patches and irregular noses on some of the dogs in his care.

Landowners and village headmen take pride in their dogs but pay little attention to mating patterns and are unsympathetic in giving away the puppies.

It is a kind of plunder of the breed. Some of the dogs have begun to look like wolves," the military trainer said. But he

added that the army had a more stable breeding stock.

Karacabey farm officials said their biggest problem was getting the farmers to part with their dogs.

"They won't sell a good dog for any money. It's like a Turkish father allowing his daughter to get married ... if he doesn't want to, he won't," Kurultay said.

Anatolian puppies can fetch more than \$600, but Karacabey usually has to acquire them by swapping them for prize rams bred on another farm.

The best Anatolians come from the central town of Kangal, where wolf carcasses hang from poles as trophies and proud owners spend winter nights discussing the feats of their dogs.

One dog from Kangal recently achieved local fame after limping into an Army camp 80 km (50 miles) from home, 10 days after it left pursuing the tracks of a wolf — which it finally killed.

Anatolians kill wolves by knocking them off balance with a running blow to the shoulder and biting them through the throat. They are protected from wolf-bites by iron collars studded with long spikes.

Anatolians usually guard sheep in pairs — the male is more likely to go for the kill if a female is around — and can cover 20-30 kms (12-18 miles) a night.

Since the 1960s, many Anatolians have gone to the United States, Europe and Australia as sheepdogs or pets, the successors to the dogs sent by Ottoman sultans as gifts to European royalty.

Foreign dog clubs have registered more than 1,000 Anatolians, also known as Karabash, Kangals or Turkish Shepherd dogs. In Britain, Anatolians were classed as a rare breed for the first time last year and shown at Crufts dog show.

Breeders are uncertain how well Anatolians will adapt to kennel life.

"One of the first dogs put in kennels in Ankara just slumped in a corner and refused to move. In the end he died pining for the open spaces of Sivas (a central province)," Ozmen said.

Standing in Karacabey is the tomb of Kurus, a white stallion whose bloodline founded the farm's racing stud in the 1930s and is now the best in Turkey.

"When we find the right father for the Anatolians, he will also be given such an honour," Kurultay said.

ERA OF TRANQUILITY

With a constant sense of motion, the Crown surrounds you in cool serenity.

NEW ERA CROWN

EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTORS
Mohamed Naser Al-Sayer & Sons Est.
Al-Rai, 4th Ring Road, Tel: 4713622 (10 Lines)
Showrooms: Al-Rai Tel: 4714348, Al-Ahmadi Tel: 3981525

TOYOTA

TOYOTA MULTIVALEVE ENGINE

A constantly cool interior highlights the Crown's luxury performance.

Toyota's most prestigious automobile, the Crown, blends impressive sports car performance with luxurious comfort. Inside, its super performance air conditioner, with a 25% increase in air flow, cools the cabin quickly and keeps it comfortable and quiet at all speeds. Outside, the Crown's flowing lines perfectly complement 210HP of magnificent power.

Travel in relaxing grandeur.

The new Crown's spacious, contemporary cabin is kept soothingly quiet by sound dampening panels to minimize road and engine noise. Its flush surface design reduces aerodynamic drag to give you and your passengers an even smoother ride.

Take command with multi-valve power.
Experience Toyota's most advanced and powerful engine — the Crown's 3.000cc 24-valve. With more valves for more power, it delivers a performance of unmatched smoothness to complement the interior luxury.



Committed to quality, always.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

World Bank urged to show leadership on loans

WASHINGTON, May 9. (Reuter): The World Bank needs to show more leadership in its lending policies, a professor told a congressional hearing on Wednesday, but another witness said there was no alternative to the bank's policies.

"The World Bank is not at present a leader," University of Toronto professor Gerald Helleiner told a house banking subcommittee hearing on a proposed general capital increase for the bank.

"As far as the middle-income countries are concerned, many of whom have labour under crushing external debt servicing burdens, the World Bank has been too anxious to avoid offending the financial markets. It has as yet taken no leadership on Third World debt reduction," Helleiner said.

Active

He said the bank should be as active as achieving debt reduction for middle-income countries through some sort of international debt discount and conversion facility as it is in raising loans for further development financing.

Referring to the World Bank's soft-loan facility, the International Development Association, as the "soul" of the bank, Helleiner said: "The 'soul' has at present been relegated to a relative back seat without the problems of the poorest countries having been adequately addressed. The capital increase will do little to help sub-Saharan Africa.

He said the bank's policies were not good enough.

University of Minnesota economist, although the bank's current policies in Africa might be slow, there were no better policies available.

"There are no viable alternatives or counterfactuals at hand to the policies being pursued by the World Bank. African postcolonial experience has shredded the main ones that were proposed," Callaghy said.

The current strategy may not be attractive to many and slow to implement, but it is not necessarily anything better at hand. Modest results with a few more full-fledged successes may be the best we can do for now, however hard that may be to accept, politically or otherwise," he said.

10pc increase in lending foreseen

A PROPOSED capital increase for the World Bank will permit the institution to raise its lending to developing countries by 10 per cent a year over the next five years, according to Bank President Barber Conable.

In a speech to the World Affairs Council of Northern California in San Francisco recently, Conable said annual lending commitments could rise from just over \$14 billion last year to more than \$20 billion annually by the early 1990s.

Growth

The capital increase of \$75 billion — 3 per cent, or about \$2.2 billion, will be paid in — which the bank's directors have agreed to seek from all 151 member nations of the World Bank, he stated, will provide the legal basis for expanding outstanding loans, now approaching the limit of the bank's subscribed capital and reserves.

This lending will, in turn, support reform, growth and the fight against poverty in developing countries, many of whose economies have stagnated in this decade.

The Bank's current authorised capital is \$96 billion.

Conditions

Although growth in Third World nations has suffered from the fall of commodity prices and the rise of protectionism, debt service payments and dwindling new commercial lending have meant that "developing nations are transferring far more money back to the industrial world than they receive in new financing," Conable said.

The reversal (in the flow of resources) amounts to a crisis for development, one that puts a duty on the World Bank to be even more vigorous as an honest broker between rich and poor, even more energetic as a leader in stimulating lending for investment."

Conable also stressed the Bank's role in counselling developing nations on ways of adjusting economic policies towards efficiency and "more favourable business environments."

Project finance will remain the key to improved lending

Gulf banks wait for loan upturn

AFTER two years of reduced lending in the Gulf, local banks in the region are now looking towards improved opportunities in 1988. These will come from expanded government borrowing programmes and some new project finance. The local banks will also be better able than before to take advantage of available opportunities following moves by international banks to cut their exposure in the region and reduce credit lines, according to MEED.

Nevertheless, the picture in the region will be mixed. Kuwait will need another year of consolidation before lending picks up, analysts say, but Bahrain is set for an increase in project finance in late 1988 or in 1989. Opportunities for trade finance remain muted except in the UAE where trade has remained buoyant.

The most visible new lending is

in central bank treasury issues. In Kuwait, the central bank began issuing treasury bonds and bills in November 1987 and by the end of February KD908 million (\$3,326 million) had been raised.

A further KD300 million 400 million (\$1,100 million-\$1,450 million) will be issued by the end of the financial year in June 1988.

Small

But the effect on the local banks' balance sheets has been small as the issues have been spread thinly over a wide range of the country's financial institutions.

In contrast, a more limited public debt programme in Bahrain could have a greater impact as it will be taken up only by the five local commercial banks. Assets of the five banks with the Bahrain Monetary Agency (BMA — central bank authority) increased by 7 percent

physical withdrawal of the international banks from the region but also from their unwillingness to lend any money to the region long term.

Labilities

In the UAE, central bank liabilities with the local banks rose by 11 per cent during 1987 amid persistent reports the bank is planning to introduce treasury bonds along the same lines as Kuwait.

Saudi Arabia appears to have shelved plans to issue public debt bonds but plans remain to issue government agencies to raise funds to help to finance the government deficit.

Project finance will remain the key to improved lending in the region. Again, the local banks will benefit not just from the

export market has been killed by the Iran-Iraq war and 1987 imports have continued the downwards slide which began in 1982. Total imports in 1987 stood at KD1,476 million (\$5,400 million), down 14 per cent on the previous year and down 58 per cent since 1982.

Bahrain's imports in the nine months to September 1987 were 11 per cent down on the same period in 1986, which was down on 1985. Saudi Arabia followed the trend with import finance by commercial banks in 1987 down 5.6 per cent.

The only bright spot was the UAE, where the trade figures for Abu Dhabi and Dubai remained buoyant, largely through an increase in re-exports which have expanded as exporters to the region have begun to avoid sending cargo ships into the northern Gulf.

Scope for speculative newbuilding orders limited

Cautious optimism seen in world shipping industry

A MORE promising picture of the market than for several years has been painted by International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) in its annual report, recently published. While urging caution to avoid repetition of past mistakes the report describes the past year as having seen "a distinct and long-awaited improvement."

Sir Brian Shaw warns in his review against government support for speculative newbuilding.

The tanker market has not been so buoyant, principally due to the somewhat sluggish demand for oil. However, laid up tanker tonnage has continued to fall steadily, dropping from 15.1 million deadweight tons at the end of 1986 to 10.5 million deadweight tons at the end of 1987.

In the liner trades matters look less promising. There is already heavy over-tonnaging on most of the major trade routes and the slowdown in the economy of the United States is bound to have an impact on the liner business.

Notwithstanding these problems, however, the general picture is undoubtedly more promising than for several years

and the concern now is to avoid a repetition of the mistakes of the past. Although shipbuilding prices remain low, the scope for speculative newbuilding orders is limited, both especially because banks are most reluctant to lend.

The main threat to a slow but orderly return to some sort of market balance is now governments, who must be dissuaded from offering cheap credit and other inducements to sustain a world shipbuilding capacity which, though constantly reducing, still greatly exceeds demand.

The shipping industry must produce a united front in opposing measures which can only have an adverse effect on its long term well-being.

The structure of the shipping industry has changed beyond all recognition since the mid-70s, one of the more recent manifestations being the changing trends in the registration. The growth of certain open registers has more than matched the speed of decline of some of the traditional economic importance.

Loss

As subsequent sections of this report reveal, much of the discussion on the regulatory front during the past year has arisen from the loss of the UK passenger roll-on/roll-off ferry "Herald of Free Enterprise" off the coast of Belgium in

March 1987, and debate seems likely to continue for some time to come. Yet, terrible as that incident was, it pales against the loss of a reported 3,000 or more passengers following a collision between the Philippine inter-island ferry "Dona Paz" and a small tanker.

The presence of the US and other Navies has done much to heighten the level of public awareness and has clearly introduced a welcome degree of protection for those vessels entitled to it, but attacks on other innocent merchant ships show no signs of ending.

Everyone involved in shipping must share the sense of frustration at the apparent inability of the international community to bring about peace and the restoration of normal trading conditions in an area of such international economic importance.

Reminder

Whatever the cause of the tragedy, it is a stark reminder of the potential dangers of maritime transport and of the importance of promoting ship safety at all levels in the industry.

One of the objects of ICS, as confirmed in its new Constitution, is to "promote the safe and efficient operation of ships and adherence to internationally accepted standards and procedures." It is an objective which ICS pursues with vigour.

Port Louis

As subsequent sections of this report reveal, much of the discussion on the regulatory front during the past year has arisen from the loss of the UK passenger roll-on/roll-off ferry "Herald of Free Enterprise" off the coast of Belgium in

Sugar producer group wants better EEC trade rights

PORT LOUIS, Mauritius, May 9. (Reuter): Third World sugar producers today will discuss ways of improving unique trade benefits they receive from the European Economic Community (EEC) because of their historic ties with Britain.

The 17-nation group of mainly Commonwealth countries, dubbed the Commonwealth Sugar Club, will meet to prepare its bargaining strategy ahead of talks with the EEC later this week.

The club wants higher prices and a bigger share of the EEC market under a deal that already guarantees higher payments than those in the free market.

Mauritius Agriculture Minister Muridas Dulloo, the club's current head, says the 12-nation EEC must raise prices for the coming year after a three-year freeze.

Offer

"We would not accept any offer from the EEC that implies a price freeze," he told reporters at the weekend.

The EEC is committed to buying fixed amounts from each group member under an agreement which makes the Community responsible for price and trade guarantees Common wealth sugar producers once had

with Britain.

The accord, agreed when Britain joined the EEC in 1973, runs parallel with the Lome aid and trade convention, through which the Community regulates assistance to the 66-nation African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) group.

Today's meeting coincides with talks by ACP and EEC delegates to complete an agenda for an annual joint ministerial meeting on the Lome pact, scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Demand

The sugar talks are complicated by applications from Zambia and Papua-New Guinea to join the group. Uganda also wants its quota back, saying it can now resume exports.

The club indicated acceptance of the two applicants last Thursday if the EEC raises its 1.3-million-tonne cane sugar limit under the guaranteed quota and price scheme.

The club's demands also include compensation for some export costs and the dampening effect on income its members receive because of what it calls restrictive policies by the EEC to curb expansion of sugar beet output by European producers.

South Africa strikes oil

GABORONE, May 9, (Xinhua): South Africa is reported to have drilled its first oil well off the coast of Mossel Bay.

According to a report from that country today, initial tests show that the well has a daily output of between 6,000 and 7,000 barrels a day.

The well is some 100 km away from a group of gas wells designated to support the fuel-from-gas project now under construction at Mossel Bay.

Oil industry sources said the oil pool there contains high quality crude and condensates and the gas deposits around are also substantial.

Combined with the existing Sasol oil-from-coal technology and the Mossel oil-from-gas project, the discovery, if extracted in significant quantities, is expected to make South Africa independent of overseas supplies.

World Business Summary

Experts promote greater Japanese role in Latin debt

CARACAS, Venezuela, May 9, (AP): Policy advisers from the US, Europe and Latin America have called for greater support from Japan in easing Latin America's debt problem in exchange for more power in the World Bank. The experts concluded at a three-day seminar on Latin America that Latin America will never pay back its \$400 billion foreign debt unless some outside relief is provided. They suggested on Wednesday that a multilateral agency formed by the governments of major creditor nations could help out Latin debtors by allowing them to exchange up to half of the total debt for long-term, low interest rate bonds guaranteed by the agency. Access to the bonds would require adopting economic adjustment programmes similar to current World Bank guidelines, they said. "The idea is to create a new World Bank affiliate which would perform the role of guarantee authority, backed by guarantees of major creditor nations," said Richard Gardner, professor of law and international organisation at Columbia University, in the concluding session. Japan might be induced to provide up to half of the agency's guarantee authority in exchange for a greater voting role in the World Bank, he said.

The seminar, attended by 53 politicians, businessmen and academics, was organised by Aspen Institute Italia and the Latin American Economic System (Selas). No representatives of major creditor banks or the United States or Japanese governments took part. The experts' idea combines a suggestion made by American Express Corp. in New York to form a debt-buying agency with a debt-bond swap scheme launched by Mexico last year. Unlike the Mexican bonds, however, interest earned on the new bonds would be guaranteed, and debt could be traded for bonds at full face value.

The suggestion comes after IMF director Michel Camdessus, who also attended the seminar, said he saw "no readiness" by governments of major creditors to take part in any debt-relief scheme.

New diamond mine begins production in Australia

CANBERRA, May 9, (Xinhua): Australia's second diamond mine has begun full-scale production in the Kimberley range of north-western Australia, the latest issue of the news letter of Australian Overseas Information Service reported. The Bow River mine will produce up to 700,000 carats a year including 20 per cent gem quality, 70 per cent industrial and cheap gems and 10 per cent coarse. The deposit of the diamond mine had proven and probable reserves of 13 million tonnes, giving it a life of at least eight years. The mine is 20 kilometres from the Argyle diamond mine, the world's biggest diamond producer with an annual output of about 30 million carats, one third of the total world output. About 30.3 million carats of diamond were produced in Australia last year. Bow River mine is a joint venture between Western Australian company Gem Exploration and Minerals Limited and a subsidiary of the freeport group of the United States, Clayton Dodd, a gem executive, said the mine's processing plant was in full production after commissioning in February.

Plan to set up joint venture aluminium smelter in Qatar

DOHA, May 9, (Opecnet): The establishment of a joint venture aluminium smelter by the six member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) was the subject of a meeting here at the weekend. Representatives from 17 Japanese, American, Indian, Australian and European companies attended the meeting. Feasibility studies of the \$1-billion scheme were conducted by Doha-based Gulf Organisation for Industrial Consulting (GOIC). Earlier, Ahmed Al Mami, chairman of the Qatari National Committee for the project, said that Qatar's north gasfield was the main factor behind the decision to set up the smelter which would operate on gas.

The proposed capacity of the smelter during the first phase would be about 180,000 tons a year, and could be doubled in the second phase, to be added. The current aluminium production capacity in Gulf Arab states stands at 320,000 tons a year. It is expected to reach 400,000 tons after the implementation of current expansion plans. According to GOIC director general Abdallah Al Mojtahed, the organisation is planning to increase the GCC aluminium production capacity to 1.50 million tons in the 1990s. He said Saudi Arabia was planning to set up an aluminium smelter with a capacity of 200,000 tons a year.

Sterling set to decline: study

LONDON, May 9, (Xinhua): A recent upward movement in the value of Britain's pound sterling will be reversed before the end of the year, two leading groups of economists predicted at the weekend. Cambridge Econometrics, a forecasting group associated with Cambridge Nobel prize winning economist Prof. Richard Stone, said sterling's recent appreciation would be temporary. It predicted that Britain's current account deficit would rise to \$1 billion (about \$20 billion) or 2.4 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) by the end of the decade.

When international investors finally take flight, the Cambridge group said, "the government dilemma will be whether to let sterling fall and allow the rate of inflation to accelerate to about seven per cent per annum, or to raise interest rates and restrict credit and so risk a financial crisis that will damage growth and employment. It said the government is deliberately using a high exchange rate to curb inflationary pressures in the economy.

Cambridge econometrics also predicted that the British economy would grow by 3.1 per cent this year and 3.6 per cent in 1989. It forecast an average growth rate of 2.2 per cent a year between 1990 and 2000 compared with 2.8 per cent a year from 1985 to 1990. Unemployment is expected to rise to 2.8 million by 1991 before falling gradually.

Soviets to get loan from Bonn

BONN, May 9, (Xinhua): West German banks will offer a loan of 3.5 billion marks (\$2.1 billion) to the Soviet Union for modernising its factories, according to DPA today.

Last Saturday, the Deutsche Bank and Soviet Bank for Foreign Economic Activities reached an agreement in Dusseldorf, under which a consortium of private West German banks will be formed to engage in raising the money, said DPA. Representatives of some 200 medium-sized Federal German businesses held "exploratory talks" last week with a Soviet delegation led by Alexei Antonov, vice-chairman of the Soviet Council of Ministers, on possibilities of cooperation in large-scale projects in western Siberia and the Kola Peninsula. Also discussed was the possibility of federal grants and facilities of food processing machinery to the Soviets.

Seminar on foreign investment in Jordan

AMMAN, May 9, (Xinhua): Jordanian Crown Prince Al Hassan received here yesterday a group of Jordanian officials and businessmen who will take part in a seminar on foreign investment in Jordan. The seminar will be held in the US by the end of this month as a channel for communications between the Jordanian public and private sectors on the one hand and the US private sector on the other hand. Prince Al Hassan told them of his recent visit to Japan during which a seminar on investment was held in Tokyo to acquaint Japanese investors with Jordan's capabilities of receiving foreign investment, the Jordanian news agency (Petra) reported. Jordanian officials, businessmen and merchants have

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1983

LONDON (Local Stock Exchange)

Prices at the time of going to Press

NAME	LAST	197/0
ABBIE LIFE	290/0	695.0
ADT LTD	122.0	277/0
ALD LYONS	408/0	537/0
AMSTRAD	180/0	595+SP
ARTYLL SP	188/0	173/0
ASA GP	162/0	188/0
BAA	271.0	162/0
BTG	248.0	151/0
BAT IND	415.0	200/0
BARCLAYS	385/0	160/0
BASS	845.0	260/0
BEAVER	180.0	180/0
BECHAMS	466/0	180/0
BERISFORD	295/0	180/0
BICE PLC	319/0	208/0
BLUE ARW	116.0	153/0
BLUE CIRC	437.0	153/0
ICAL	322.0	153/0
RANK RVIS	333.0	153/0
RANK O&G	743/0	200/0
RBPS INDS	287/0	187.0
RR TELCO	266.0	187.0
ROTHM	407/0	187.0
REED	420/0	187.0
REINER	402/0	187.0
RYL BK SC	335/0	187.0
RR GAS RG	173.0	187.0
S.P.	265.0	187.0
B.P. NEW	71.0	187.0
ROLLS ROY	244.5	187.0
BRITOL	405/0	187.0
BUNZL	135/0	187.0
BURNAH OL	579/0	187.0
BURTON	235/0	187.0
CABLE & WIR	326/0	187.0
CADBURY'S	317/0	187.0
COATS VYI	257/0	187.0
SEARS	127.0	187.0
COPA UNI	341.0	187.0
CONG GOLD	972/0	187.0
COOKSONS	530.0	187.0
COURTAULD	375/0	187.0
DALGETY	297.0	187.0
DEE CP	182.0	187.0
DIXONS	180/0	187.0
ENG CHINA	447.0	187.0
ENTER OIL	385/0	187.0
FKI BABCK	120/0	187.0
FERRANTI	80/0	187.0
GEN ACCID	912/0	187.0
GEN ELEC	147/0	187.0
TSB	102.0	187.0
GLAXO	947.0	187.0
GRANADA	328.0	187.0
GLOBE	138.0	187.0
GLYNMED	468/0	187.0
GRAND NET	503/0	187.0
GUARD RYL	887/0	187.0
GRI	329/0	187.0
GUINNESS	309/0	187.0
HAMMERS A	577/0	187.0
HANSON	131.0	187.0
HAWK SID	518.0	187.0
HILLSDOWN	278.0	187.0
ICI	987.0	187.0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1437.4	1440.1	1430.7	1386.7
FT 500 SHR	0	1015.9	1015.9	984.4
FT ALL SHR	929.12	929.12	923.61	896.75
FT GO SEC	89.76	89.76	89.78	91.03
FT GOLD MN	201.7	201.7	199.2	237.3
FT MINES F	480.48	480.48	479.14	432.96
FT OIL	1838.4	1838.4	1829.0	1768.7
FT MLD-DLR	129.26	129.90	130.05	128.44
FT MLD STG	106.95	103.15	103.41	101.83
FT MLD LOC	113.09	113.51	113.82	112.29
			99.08	

Exchanges, Commodity Markets and Bonds

U.K. STOCKS NARROWLY MIXED AT LONDON MIDSESSION

LONDON, MAY 9; REUTER - SHARE PRICES WERE NARROWLY MIXED AT

MIDSESSION, HAVING MOVED WITHIN A NARROW RANGE DURING THE

MORNING. BY 1100 GMT, THE FTSE 100 INDEX WAS UP 0.9 POINTS TO

1,802 AFTER A HIGH OF 1,805.2 ABOUT AN HOUR EARLIER.

DEALERS SAID THE CONTINUING GROUNDSWELL OF SPECULATIVE

ACTIVITY AND A NUMBER OF WEEKEND PRESS TIPS HAD HELPED PRICES

SHRUG OFF THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF LOWER CLOSINGS IN TOKYO SHARES

OVERNIGHT AND WALL STREET'S 13-POINT RETREAT ON FRIDAY.

AN ARTICLE IN THE WEEKEND PRESS SAYING ICI WAS UNDervalued

BY 20 PCT HELPED LIFT THE SHARES 10 TO 996. THE SHARES HAD

TOUCHED 1,005 BUT CAME BACK AFTER THE POUND CLIMBED STRONGLY.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE DEALERS SAID THAT STERLING ROSE STRONGLY

TODAY, BUOYED BY A REPORT FROM GOLDMAN SACHS ECONOMIST DAVID

MORRISON, WHICH CHALLENGED THE WIDELY HELD VIEW THAT THE

CURRENCY WOULD FALL LATER IN THE YEAR.

THE POUND ROSE TO STRADDLE 3.16 MARKS BRIEFLY AND MARKET

MAKERS MARKED DOWN PRICES FROM THEIR HIGHS IN THE 30 MINUTES

AHEAD OF THE RELEASE OF U.K. PRODUCER PRICE DATA FOR APRIL. SOME

HAD SPECULATED THE FIGURES COULD BE INFLATIONARY, PAVING THE WAY

TO HIGHER BASE RATES WHICH IN TURN WOULD UNDERPIN THE POUND.

IN THE EVENT, DEALERS SAID APRIL'S 0.6 PCT RISE COMPARED

WITH THE 0.5 PCT ADVANCE IN MARCH WAS MUCH AS ANTICIPATED.

London Gold

LONDON, MAY 9, REUTER - GOLD BULLION TRADING REMAINED QUIET THIS AFTERNOON, ALTHOUGH PRICES EDGED SLIGHTLY HIGHER, AND GOLD WAS FIXED AT 444.40 DLRs AN OUNCE.

THIS COMPARED WITH OPENING AND PREVIOUS CLOSING LEVELS OF

443.30/444.80 AND 442.10/442.60 DLRs RESPECTIVELY.

DEALERS SAID THE MARKET LACKED FEATURE TODAY, WITH PRICES

MOSTLY STATIC JUST ABOVE FRIDAY'S CLOSING LEVELS. GOLD INCHED UP

TO ITS HIGHS THIS AFTERNOON, IN LINE WITH COMEX VALUES.

PLATINUM CONTINUED TO GAIN, AND WAS FIXED AT 527.00 DLRs AN

OUNCE, UP AROUND 9.50 DLRs FROM FRIDAY. REPORTS OF JAPANESE

BUYING IN THE FAR EAST PROMPTED SHORTCOVERING HERE, THEY SAID.

London Money Market

LONDON, MAY 9, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTERBANK RATE WAS 1/16 POINT SOFTER THIS MORNING AS STERLING AND MARKET SENTIMENT IMPROVED, MAINLY IN A BULLISH ASSESSMENT OF THE U.K. ECONOMY IN THE WEEKEND'S PRESS.

OF PARTICULAR NOTE WAS A REPORT BY DAVID MORRISON, CHIEF ECONOMIST AT GOLDMAN SACHS, THAT THERE IS NO NEED FOR AN INTEREST RATE Hike IN THE U.K. AND THAT THE POUND IS UNDervalued AGAINST THE MARK. THIS HELPED STERLING RISE FOUR BASIS POINTS TO 78.3 ON ITS TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX.

THE KEY THREE MONTH STERLING INTERBANK RATE WAS 1/16 POINT OFF AT 8.5/16 3/16, IN COMMON WITH ONE YEAR AT 9.1/4 1/8.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DKR	FFR
1.8820/30	1.6795/05	5.7000/50	OPC
STG 1.8795/8805	3.1565/1600	10.7130/7285	NOON
DKR 1.6763/6843	3.151/165	29.375/535	NOON
FFR 5.7015/7135	10.7115/7295	339.14/78	FIX
SFR 1.3985/4995	2.6285/6318	83.22/33	24.51/54
NFL 1.8855	3.5420	112.13	33.035
E.C.U.			FIX
SDR 1.37914	0.738970	2.31558	7.87006
YEN 124.50/60	233.99/234.31	-----	CLOSE
SDR RATES	06/05/1988	OTHERS	NOON

09/05/1988

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	279.7	280.3	284.9	278.4
AUSTRIA	205.7	204.3	205.7	203.8
BELGIUM	375.4	377.0	376.7	365.2
CANADA	362.3	363.1	365.7	363.4
DENMARK	365.9	374.9	375.7	370.3
FRANCE	320.0	319.7	321.7	290.7
GERMANY	162.8	164.1	164.6	166.3
HONG KONG	1854.3	1859.1	1904.3	1823.7
FINLAND	116.8	109.8	109.5	108.1
ITALY	396.8	395.7	393.1	404.7
JAPAN	1299.7	1307.2	1307.2	1269.3
NETHERLANDS	243.5	243.0	244.8	238.4
NEW ZEAL	95.9	94.9	95.9	98.9
NORWAY	455.2	458.4	461.5	475.2
SPAIN	560.7	562.5	561.2	521.9
SWEDEN	872.2	871.2	885.6	856.8
SWITZ	145.9	146.6	146.7	147.2
U.K.	540.8	537.4	539.4	526.3

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1988

International Bond Highlights

London — The council of reporting dealers, a sub-committee of the association of international bond dealers, said it passed a motion urging co-operation on confirmation and settlements systems in the Eurobond market. (RTXS 061855)

International Bonds

Interest Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 8 7 3/4	8 7-7/8	8-5/16 3/16
FFT 3.30/40	3.40/50	3.45/55
ZUR 1-3/8 1-5/8	7-11/16 13/16	8 6-1/8
BRK 4.70	6.00 1/8	6.00 1/8
ROR 9-5/8 10-1/8	10-1/4 10-3/4	10-3/8 10-7/8
AMS 4-3/16 4-5/16	4-1/16 4-1/8	4-1/16 4-5/16
TOK 3.3125 2500	3.8125 8750	3.8750 9575
ECU 5.75 5.87	6.00 6.12	6.31 6.43

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6 1/8	6 9/16
3 months	6	6 7/16
6 months	5 7/8	6 1/4
1 year	5 3/4	6 1/8

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	66.25	66.5	67	NICO	515	510	515
GNC	33.5	33.5	34.25	55.25	55.25	55.25	MUKAND.	89.5	90	91.5
ACC	158	159	166	GRASIN	92	93	95	NOCL	455	460
ASIA PAINT	142.5	145	147.5	GSCF	102	103	104	ORKAY	23.5	22.5
BAJAJ AUTO	202.5	195	198.75	HIND LEVER	73	72	73	PEICO	33	31
BAR.RAYON	217.5	225.5	226	HINDALCO	77	76.5	78	PFIZER	66	64.5
BON.DYING	129	128	128.5	HINDCOCA	77.5	75	77.5	P.F.AUTO	28	29
BR. BOND	95.5	93	94	HINDMOTOR	18.25	18.25	18	RAYMOND	44	45
BSE INDEX	473.88	471.74	IND ORG	18.5	20	19.5	RELIANCE	119.5	121	125
CENTURIONPG	830	827.5	832.5	INDRAYON	61.5	62.5	63.5	SIEMENS	65	65
COLGATE	175	179.75	179	INDROL	162.5	158.25	162.5	SPIC	34	33.5
DEPAKART	29.5	29	29.5	JTC	36.5	36	37	STONHILL	222.5	230
ET.HOTEL	52	52	52	JYOTSNA	55.5	55.5	56	TATA PWR	250	247.5
ESKAYEF	162.5	161.25	166.25	L AND T	84	84	86	TATACHEM	64	63.5
ESSAR	16	16	16.5	MAHINDRA	58	57	58.5	TELECO	495	495
GAR. POLY	76.5	76.25	77	MASTERSH	10.12	10	10.12	TISCO	698.75	700
GE.SNIP	26.25	26.35	26.35	MATHER PL	76.25	78.5	77	VOLTAS	285	282.5

FRANKFURT

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	MITSUB CP	1270	1290
AEG	206.5	209.3	AIJINMOTO	3540	3580	MITSUB EST
ALLIANZ VR	1295.0	1309.0	AKAI ELEC	620	639	MITSUB HVY
BARENBERG	10	181.5	AOKI	1000	1010	MITSUF CO
BAFF	239.0	241.5	ASANI GAS	2060	2080	MITSUKOSHI
BAYER HYP	257.7	262.5	ASAN OPT	670	680	MITSUNI EL
BAYER VER	310.5	328.5	BANK TOKYO	1570	1570	NICHICON
BBC	0	320.0	BRIDGESTON	1450	1450	NIKHO CHNT
BIF	369.0	376.5	CANON	1280	1330	NIKKO SEC
BNU	495.0	505.0	CASIO COMP	1300	1320	NIP ELEC
COMMERZBK	215.5	218.0	CHUGAI PHG	1740	1710	NIP KOKAN
CONTI GUMM	240.3	243.3	CITIZEN W	620	629	NIP OIL
DAITHEM BEN	575.5	598.8	D-ICHI KAN	3180	3180	NIP STEEL
DEUTSC BANK	390.7	395.5	DAI NIP IT	795	795	NIP YUSEN
DLY	0	345.0	DAI NIP PT	2660	2700	NIS NOTOR
DRESDNER B	235.5	234.5	DAI NIP SC	1110	1150	NONOMURA SEC
DT-BABCOCK	145.0	146.1	DAI NIP TO	541	550	OLYMPUS
FAX INDEX	435.80	440.66	DATA H	1910	1910	PENTA OHC
GENBICHT	250.0	250.0	DAVIS SEC	2168	2170	PEPSICO
HAPAGFER	406.0	405.0	EBERLEIN	4030	4040	PIRELLI
KOECHE AG	252.2	254.5	EVAG	3195322434	3195322434	PIRELLI MATER
HOESCH	0	124.5	FUJI BANK	3240	2270	PIRELLI MATER
HORTEN	180.3	183.0	FUJI PHOTO	4150	4180	PIRELLI MATER
HUSSEL HLD	442.0	445.0	FUJITSU CP	2110	2140	PIRELLI MATER
KALI SALZ	132.0	132.2	HITACHI	1440	1460	SHISEIDO
KARSTADT	450.0	454.0	HONDA MOT	1770	1810	SUMITOMO
KAUFHOF	384.0	390.0	ITO YOKADO	4650	4760	TAISEI
KLOECK H	87.00	88.00	JAP SYN RU	1040	1050	TAISHO HVY
LIMDE	0	635.0	JAPAN AIR	15000	15100	TAKEO CH
LUFTWAFFE	161.5	145.0	JAPAN NET	587	596	TAKEO CH
MAN	169.7	174.5	KAJIMA	1570	1580	TAKEO CH
MANNESMAN	136.8	139.5	KANSAI EL	2950	2990	TOKIO MAR
MERCEDES	662.0	475.5	KAO SOAP	2000	2000	TOKYO ELEC
METALLGES	264.0	270.0	KAMASAKI H	378	385	TOKYO GAS
HINDUKE PF	495.0	500.8	KIRIN BREW	2410	2440	TOKYO IND
MORSK HYD	0	51.80	KOMATSU	679	675	TOKYO IND
PITILLI KOM	545.0	552.5	KUBATO LTD	717	725	TOTO
POESCHE	510.0	530.0	KYOCERA	5570	5520	TOYO KOGY
PREUSSAG	146.0	154.0	HAKITA EL	1800	1800	TOYOTA MOT
PWA	200.0	203.1	KARUJ	3280	3330	YAMAHA
RHEIN P	192.5	197.8	MATSUTA EI	2660	2700	YAMAWATI
RHEINMETAL	182.0	186.5	MATSUTA EL	0	2660	YAMAWATI
RELAHMET	269.0	271.0	MEIJI SEIK	996	1010	YAMAZAKI
RELAHMET	0	246.0				
SCHEMING	464.5	462.0				
SEL	200.0	201.7				
SIENENS	328.5	332.7				
THYSEN	129.1	132.5				
VARTA	260.1	261.0				
VERA	236.9	241.5				
VEN	255.0	259.8				
VOLKSWAGEN	235.0	239.8				

Tokyo Stock Market Report

Tokyo Stock Close Down Sharply						
Tokyo, May 9, REUTER - SHARE PRICES FELL FOR THE THIRD SESSION IN MODERATE TRADE ON WARINESS AHEAD OF THE THREE-DAY QUARTERLY U.S. TREASURY AUCTION STARTING ON TUESDAY AND THE RELEASE OF U.S. MARCH TRADE DATA ON MAY 17, BROKERS SAID.						
"UNTIL WE SEE THESE RESULTS, INVESTORS WILL HOLD BACK," SAID CHIEF FUND MANAGER KADOUR SHIMURA OF SUMITOMO LIFE INSURANCE CO. "IT SHOULD BE LIKE THIS ALL WEEK."						
THE NIKKEI INDEX SANK 223.47 POINTS, OR 0.81 PCT, TO 27,264.30 AFTER AN EARLY MORNING HIGH OF 27,555.38. IT SHED 46.62 POINTS IN HALF-DAY TRADING ON SATURDAY. FALLS LED RISES FIVE TO TWO IN TURNOVER OF 600 MLN SHARES AGAINST 400 MLN.						

JUNIOR TIMES

Dear Junior Readers,

Being able to laugh at our own mistakes and to see the humour in a difficult situation is a very special skill. Often we get so absorbed with how important we are that we take ourselves too seriously. It feels so good to be able to laugh at oneself when caught making a really silly mistake. Making such a mistake does not mean we are silly or stupid and laughing at such a time simply acknowledges that we are not perfect.

Try a good laugh next time you make a mistake instead of getting angry at yourself. You'll probably feel a lot better and learn more from the mistake.

Aunt Barbara

Doctor, doctor

Doctor, doctor, I'm allergic to perfume.
I'll have you sent to a specialist.

Doctor, doctor, I feel like Adrian Mole.
I'll just put that in my diary.

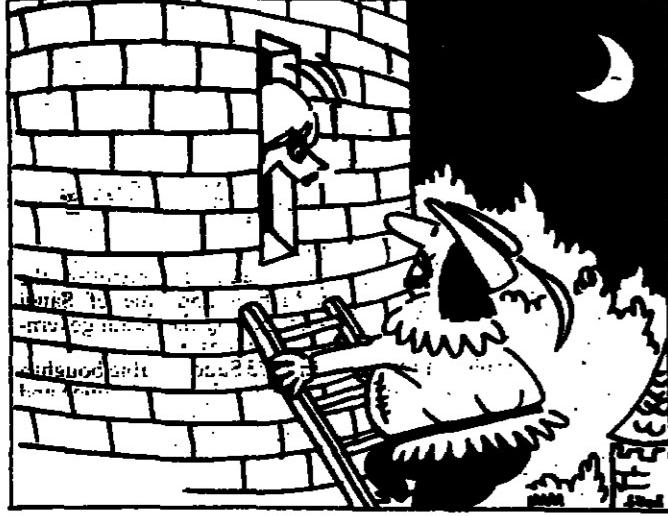
Doctor, doctor, I'm allergic to snuff.
That complaint is not to be sneezed at.

Doctor, doctor, are you sure this medicine will cure me?
Well, nobody's been back for a second bottle.

Doctor, doctor, I keep thinking I'm a long-distance swimmer.
Can you wade a minute?

Two of a kind

Can you find the seven details common to both pictures?



THERE once was a king who took sick and believed he would never get well again. This grieved his three sons so much that they went down to the castle garden and wept. There an old man saw them and asked why they were so unhappy. They told him that their father was ill and nothing could save him.

But the old man said, "I know a remedy. It is called the water of life. If he drinks it, he will be saved. However, it is very difficult to find."

"I'll find it all right," said the eldest son. He went to the sick king and asked permission to go in search of the water of life, which alone could cure him.

"No," said the king. "I would rather die than let you risk your life on such a dangerous quest."

But the prince persisted until the king gave in. In his heart the prince also thought, "If I bring back the water, the king will love me best and I will inherit the kingdom."

And so he rode forth. When he had ridden for a time, he saw a dwarf standing in the middle of the road.

"Where are you off to in such a hurry?" called the dwarf.

"Never mind, little man," the prince replied haughtily. "It's none of your business," and he rode on. The dwarf was angered and at once cast an evil spell over the prince.

Soon afterward, the prince came to a gorge, and the deeper he rode into it, the narrower it got, until he could go no farther. Nor could he turn his horse, nor dismount, but remained imprisoned where he was.

The sick king waited and waited for his son, but the prince did not return home. Then the second prince said, "Father, I will go in search of the water of life," and at the same time he thought, this is a good idea, for should my brother be dead, the kingdom will be mine."

As before, the king at first refused to let his son go, but in the end, gave in. The prince took the same path as his brother. He, too, met the dwarf, who hailed him and said, "Where to in such a hurry?"

"You gnome," the prince said insolently, "it's none of your business," and rode away. And the dwarf put a curse on the second prince who, like his brother, came to a gorge, and rode into it, until he

The water of life

could go neither backward nor forward. Such is the fate of the arrogant.

When the second prince failed to return, the king's youngest son announced that he would go in search of the water, and this time too, the king at first refused and was finally forced to give his consent.

When the youngest prince came to the dwarf and was asked, "Where to in such a hurry?" he replied, "My father is dying and I am going in search of the water of life to save him."

"Do you know where to find it?"

"No," replied the prince.

"Well, I will tell you, because you spoke to me politely," said the dwarf.

"It flows from a well in the enchanted castle. Take this iron rod and these two loaves of bread. You will need them. When you come to the castle gate, tap three times and it will open. Inside two lions will be lying in wait with their jaws agape. Throw a loaf of bread to each and they will be subdued. Then you must hurry and fetch the water of life before the clock strikes twelve, or the gate will shut by itself and you will be locked in."

The prince thanked the dwarf, took the rod and the loaves and went to the castle, where everything was as the dwarf had described it.

On his way, he again met the dwarf. When the dwarf saw the bread and the sword, he said, "These will bring you good fortune, for this sword can conquer whole armies and this loaf can never be eaten up."

Then the prince thought to himself, "I don't want to return home without my brothers." Aloud he said, "Dear dwarf, can you not tell me where my brothers are? They left before I did, to seek the water of life and did not return home."

"They sit imprisoned between two mountains," replied the dwarf. "I cast a spell over them, because they were insolent."

The prince implored the dwarf to set his brothers free, and the dwarf in the end relented, but warned the prince saying, "Beware of them. They are evil-hearted."

When the prince saw his brothers arrive, he was overjoyed. He related to them how he had found the water of life and had brought back a beakerful.

He also told them about the beautiful princess whom he had freed and to whom he was to return in a year's time, when their wedding would take place, and a great kingdom would be his.

Together the brothers continued on their way. They came to a land where there was hunger and water, and whose king believed he must perish in need.

The youngest prince went to the king and gave him the loaf of bread. With it the king was able to feed his entire country. Then the prince gave the king his sword, and with it the king conquered the armies of his enemies and was able to live in peace and quiet.

The youngest prince took back his loaf of bread and his sword, and the three brothers rode on. But they came to two more countries where hunger and war reigned, and each time the youngest prince gave the sovereign the loaf and the sword, and in his way he saved three kingdoms.

Then the brothers embarked on a ship and sailed over the ocean.

During the journey the two elder brothers conferred together. "Our youngest brother found the water of life, and surely our father will give him the kingdom. We will be cheated out of our fortune, though it is rightfully ours by birth," they reasoned.

They became revengeful and agreed upon a plan that would destroy their brother. They waited until he was fast asleep, poured the water of life of its beaker and replaced it with bitter sea water, taking the water of life for themselves.

When they arrived home, the youngest son brought his beaker to the king so that he could drink the water of life and be cured. But the king had hardly touched the bitter sea water when he became sicker than ever before! As he lay there moaning, the elder sons came in and accused the youngest of wanting to poison their father. They had found the true water of life, they said, and they gave it to the king to drink.

The king tasted it and at once felt his sickness disappearing. Soon he was as strong and healthy as in the days of his youth.

him," and he told the king what had taken place.

The king was overjoyed and let it be known in all the lands that he wished his son to return and that he would receive him with favour.

Now the princess had had the road leading to her castle paved with shining gold and had instructed her servants that only he who rode directly on it was her rightful bridegroom and was permitted to enter. Anyone who rode alongside it, however, was the wrong one and was to be turned away.

As the year was almost up, the eldest prince decided to hurry to the princess and present himself as her deliverer. He intended to marry her and claim her kingdom.

And so he rode forth, but when he arrived in the vicinity of the castle and saw the beautiful golden road, he said to himself, "It would be a pity to ride on such a road." He guided his horse to the right and trotted along next to the road. When he arrived at the castle gate, the guards told him he was not the right one and turned him away. Soon after, the second prince came to the castle. When his horse was about to set foot on the golden road, he thought,

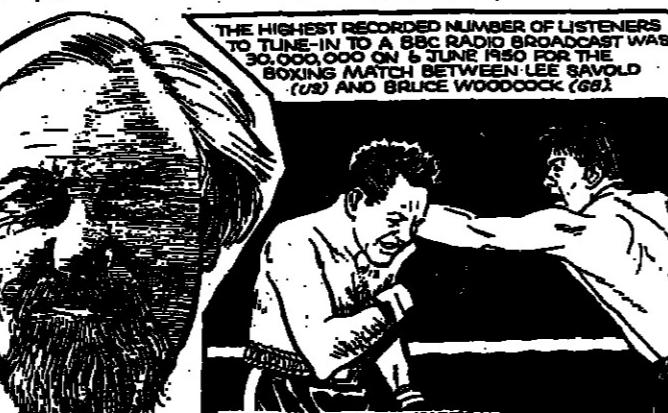
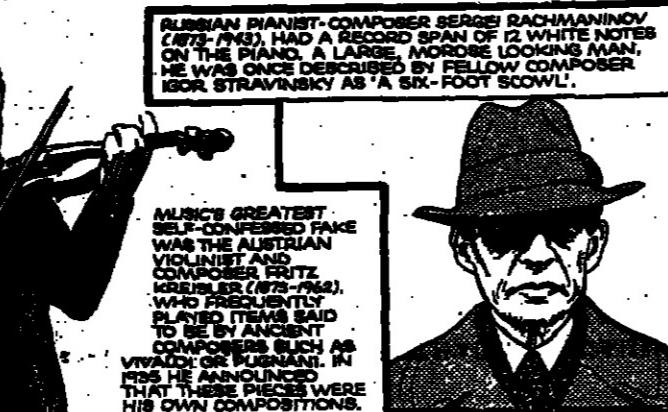
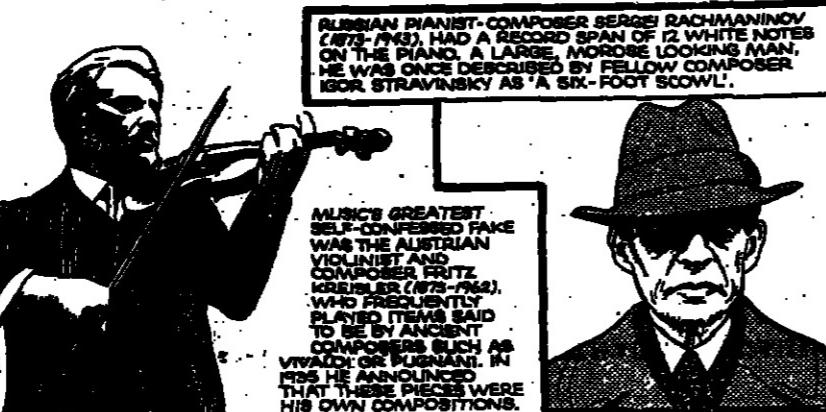
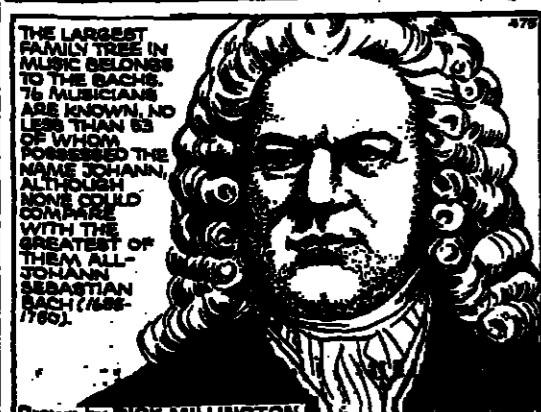
"It would be too bad to leave footprints on such a road." He signalled his horse to the left of it and continued on. When he got to the gates, the guards turned him back, saying he was not the right one either.

When the year was finally up, the youngest prince decided to leave his beloved and forget his sufferings at her side. As he rode along, he thought only of her, wishing that he were already with her, and did not even notice the golden road. He rode his horse directly over it, and when he came to the gate, it was flung wide open, and the princess greeted him with joy. She proclaimed him her deliverer and ruler of her kingdom. The wedding was celebrated amidst rejoicing, and when it was over, the princess told him that his father had sent him and had forgiven him.

He rode back to the king and told him everything: how his brothers had betrayed him and how he had kept his silence. The old king wished to punish his elder sons, but they had sailed away on a ship, and never again returned home.



Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS



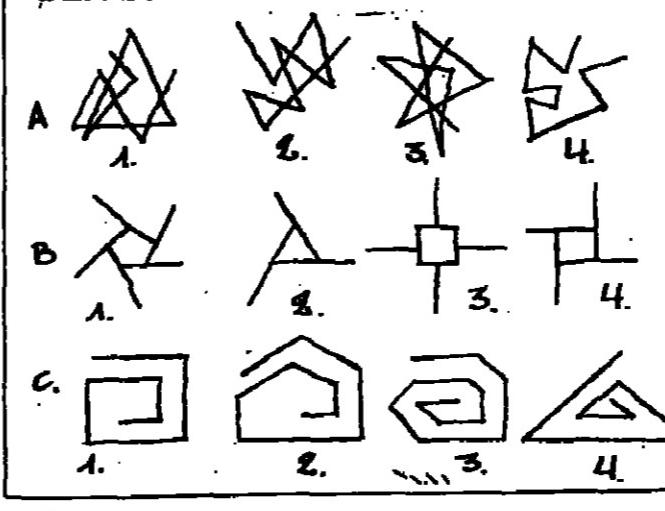
Arch-work

Can you pair up the ten numbered pieces to create five arches identical to A?



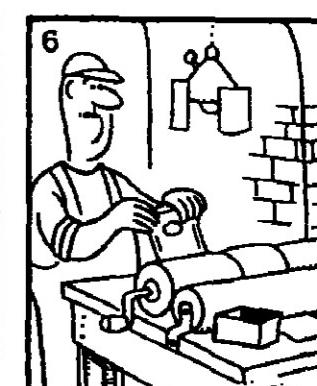
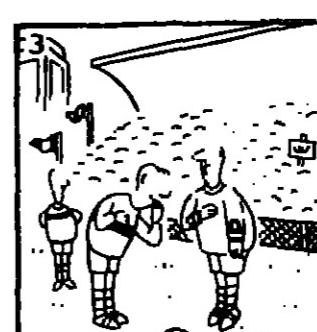
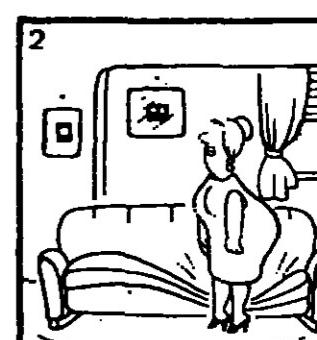
Odd one out

Which of the numbered figures in each of the lettered rows is the odd one out?



Two of a kind

These six pictures can be paired off, each pair having one detail in common. Which picture goes with which?



ARAB TIMES Classifieds

ACCOMMODATION

For Rent

SALWA, near Kuwait English School, deluxe, CAC, brand new flat comprising 3 bedrooms, living and dining area, 2 bathrooms and a large fitted kitchen. Rent KD300 including water and electricity. Tele. 5382783, 5391720. (AT2-S-TM-3)

AL ANDALUS, Block 10, House 151, deluxe, 2-floor CAC villa with basement for car parking. Also mulhaq. Tele. Dawood, 5387870. (AT2-42193-3)

SALWA, Area 10, flat: 3 bedrooms, fully furnished, available from 1.6.88. Rent KD400 monthly. Furniture KD2450 lump sum. Tele. Konrad, 5656053, 7 am - 1 pm - 7 pm. (AT2-42132-6)

JABRIYA, second floor of villa consisting of 6 rooms, 2 baths, sitting room, intercom, complete kitchen with cupboard in the wall. CAC. Rent KD450. Tele. 5624554, 2416137. (AT3-42204-3)

KUWAIT City, Sharq, opp. Khalifa Building, No. 110, accommodation for a family only. Tele. Shaikh MD. Yousif, 2445715, 2406354, 8.30 am - 1.30 pm, 8 - 11 pm. (AT3-42207-3)

FORM ARABIA

We have top quality Danish teak and oak furniture in stock. Delivery and installation free. Visit our showroom in Andalus Area 4, Souk 226.

Ramadan hours — 8 am to 12 noon and 8 — 10pm. Telephone: 4878009/4878010/4878815

STORE FOR RENT

- At Dasma area — excellent location.
- 1000 sq. meters.
- (Arabic house)
- Contact personally at:
- Yarmouk, Block 3, Street 3, Salem Al-Ali Complex opposite Yarmouk Secondary School for Boys.
- Between 9 am and 2 pm.

Mr. Abdullaieef

1988 SURPRISE

DON'T MISS IT

- 3 English tapes (Indonesian made) — KD1.000
- Cassettes case, 88 calendar — KD1.000
- And large collection of compact discs.
- now — new release — Ziggy Marley — Aswad

At Music Box — Fahheel — Warathat Ahmed Al-Jaber. Image Co. Kuwait, Souk Al-Kabeer, Ground Floor — Line 3-4. Swan Lake Recording — Salimya — Salem Al Mubarak St.



LOCATED: MAIN CANADA DRY STREET
SHUWAIKH, NEAR BANK STREET

CALL TEL: 483 9749 / 483 9763 / 481 6232

VISIT US FOR BIG VARIETY OF TOP QUALITY PRINTERS
"EPSON" OR "STAR" OR "PANASONIC" 80/132 COLUMNS

LOW OR HIGH SPEED ARABIC/ENGLISH BILINGUAL

LATEST MODELS ARRIVED FOR EX-STOCK DELIVERY
PRICES UNBELIEVABLY LOW

NEW MODELS HAVE STD BUILT IN S. SHEET FEEDERS

ALL AUTO LOAD

WE MAKE EX-STOCK DELIVERY ALL PRINTERS

SPECIAL OF THE MONTH: TAKE FREE EXTRA RIBBON AND PRINTER CABLE WITH ANY PRINTER PURCHASED

JUMI DAISY WHEEL, ENGLISH LETTER QUALITY PRINTER
ONLY NO. 65+ WITH FREE EXTRA RIBBONS AND CABLE

ALL PRINTERS CARRY 12 MONTHS LIMITED WARRANTY

FOR HUNDREDS OF OTHER COMPUTER PERIPHERALS

ONLY SEEING IS BELIEVING.

PLEASE VISIT OUR NEWLY DECORATED SHOW ROOM

FOR CASH AND CARRY SELF SERVICE SUPER MARKET TYPE SYSTEM

FASHION JEWELLERS

We are pleased to inform our esteemed customers that we have moved to a NEW, MORE CONVENIENT LOCATION

at: Al Essa Bldg., Opp. Safat Post Office, below Kuwait India Int'l. Exchange Co. Hilali St. Tel. 2412598
To serve you better

* Quality designs
* Guaranteed service
* Reasonable prices

18 Ct. Jewellery
21-22 " "
24 " "
DIAMOND "

Come and discover the special offer during the first month

WANTED

for an international company
An Executive Secretary

with the following:

1. Bilingual
2. Past experience of at least 5 years
3. Typing (Arabic, English), word processing, telex and telefax.

Send full details of C.V. to:
P.O. Box 11169, 35152 (Dasma), Kuwait.



Customer Services Tel.
4745533

Alghanim

Sea-Freight - Air
Fahheel 35152/481 6232
Mazayeb 2412598/2416991

MARKET PLACE

TOYOTA Corolla GT-16 valve, 1986 model, blue, 40,000 kms. One owner from new. Excellent condition, KD2200. Tele. Alex. 2452880 daytime, 5337730 evenings. (AT3-42201-3)

Electrical Appliances

2 WEGA speakers, 100 watts each. Tele. Nabil, am: 5312700 ext. 2187; pm: 5336310. (AT2-42161-3)

Miscellaneous

SANYO blender, Aprica stroller, telephones, plants, electric kettle, ironing board, luggage trolley, radio cum cassettes, baby bath tub, pillows, household goods. Tele. 5627283, afternoons. (AT3-42205-2)

AMERICAN breakfast bar, 8 feet long with 5 quality Italian bar stools with backs. Smoked glass top, bar, refrigerator and corner unit, KD145. Tele. 3934733, 2.30-7 pm. (AT2-42205-2)

BLAZER 4x4 1980, fully automatic, new engine by Al Ghani March 87, new gear box 3 months, all in very good condition. Roadstar stereo, KD1,450 cash. Tele. Mike, 5339308, anytime to 11 pm. (AT3-42200-3)

DINING room table, small tables, wardrobe, armchairs, set of drawers, toys, cloths, garden furniture, pingpong table, tools and a lot of other items. Tele. 2428296. (AT2-42185-3)

FOR RENT

Three storey villa in Salwa with garden & carport. Two phone lines available, seven bedrooms, six bathrooms, two fully fitted kitchens, three balconies, four living rooms with CAC throughout, coupled with an extra large muhqaq/diwania with two bedrooms, two bathrooms, fitted kitchen and laundry room with CAC throughout.

*Suitable for one or two families.
KD. 800 + water & electricity.
Tel. 5744017 or 5744018*

FOR RENT

In Salwa, new building, 3 large bedrooms with large lounge, central A/C, 2 deluxe bathrooms, big kitchen, private garage with direct water and electricity supply.

Rent KD320

Tel. 5633087
between 6-8 p.m.

MAIDAN Hawalli: beautifully decorated 1 bedroom flat with deluxe 6 piece sofa set and dining table with 6 chairs for sale. Rent KD120. Tele. Fernandes, 4842752, 4843756, 7am-2pm. (AT4-42214-3)

Boats

FISHING boat, 16 foot, good body, outboard engine, needs repair. KD700 or best offer. Tele. Javed, 2546022, 2546213, 2546413, 8 am - 2 pm. (AT4-42221-3)

FOR RENT

BAYLINER Eagle, 19 foot, 260 Merc., power steering, Bimini sun top, registered for 8 adults (would suit two families). Good condition, serviced regularly. KD2000. Tele. 4816742. (AT3-42198-3)

WANTED

CAR, Mercedes, Volvo, Toyota Crown or Caprice in good condition and reasonable price. Tele. 3728824, after 6 pm only. (AT4-S-TM-3)

MAID required, Filipino. Must have a transferable residence. Salary negotiable. Tele. Azad, 4717700, 10am-12noon, 8-10pm. (AT2-S-TM-3)

DRIVER required with a driving licence for a Kuwaiti family. Tele. 5312804/4147. (AT4-42222-3)

MAID required, Filipino, for a small family without children. Experience in entertaining a must. Good salary. Tele. 2438011 ext. 345, 8.30am - 5.30pm. (AT2-42190-3)

FOR RENT

Villas, half villas, buildings, and flats with or without swimming pool.

Al Azraq
Real Estate
Tel. 2452199, 2452198

FOR RENT

Villas, 1/2 villas, flats, apartments, stores, etc., in all areas of Kuwait.

Messilah Beach
Real Estate
Tele. 2401858
2408510

FOR RENT

Villas — part of villas and flats. 2-3-4 bedrooms, garden, car park pools & telephone.

Black Gold Real Estate
2403388 — 2403399

Wanted

Female secretary cum clerk

1 Filipino, 1 Sri Lankan below 25 years, transferable residence, call in person.

Tel: 2464397/8

Employment position wanted

A young energetic man, with wide experience in the field of public relations and related services in the local market.

Looking for a suitable post in public relations, administration, media or similar services.

Detailed CV is available on request.

P.O. Box 2274, Salimiyah

Post Code 22023, Kuwait.

Tel: 4739385, 2418730.

12 noon & 2 pm.

Wanted

MAID, Sri Lankan, 7 years experience with European and English families, looking for employment with a European or English family. Need accommodation for husband without meals. Tele. 5334048, 4-8pm. (AT4-42220-2)

PEUGEOT 505 box car, model 86/87, in good condition. Tele. Ahmed, 2658137. (AT4-42221-3)

SITUATIONS

Vacant

MAID required for a small family, to live in. Must have a transferable residence. Salary negotiable. Tele. Asselmo, 2417180 ext. 229. (AT3-42199-3)

MECHANICAL engineer, Indian, 21 years experience, degree holder in mechanical engineering, seeking suitable position.

Experience: production manager in light engineering industry, manager of Central Tool Room of Keltron, India. Prepared project report of Central Tool Room for implementation. Write to Mr. K.M. Lal, P.O. Box 3326, 13034, Safat, Kuwait.

(AT4-42222-2)

DRIVER required with a driving licence for a Kuwaiti family. Tele. 5312804/4147. (AT4-42222-3)

MAID required, Filipino. Must have a transferable residence. Salary negotiable. Tele. Azad, 4717700, 10am-12noon, 8-10pm. (AT2-S-TM-3)

DRIVER required with a driving licence for a Kuwaiti family. Tele. 5312804/4147. (AT4-42222-3)

MAID required, Filipino, for a small family without children. Experience in entertaining a must. Good salary. Tele. 2438011 ext. 345, 8.30am - 5.30pm. (AT2-42190-3)

FOR RENT

Habid Ligaya offers free delivery in provinces

Philippines

Door to Door Service

Abaghosh Int'l.

Tel: 4843447

SARAH

FOR RENT

Mishrif Villa, 4 bedrooms with carpet and curtains, KD 850.

Surra: Villa with swimming pool, KD 850, 4 bedrooms, KD 850.

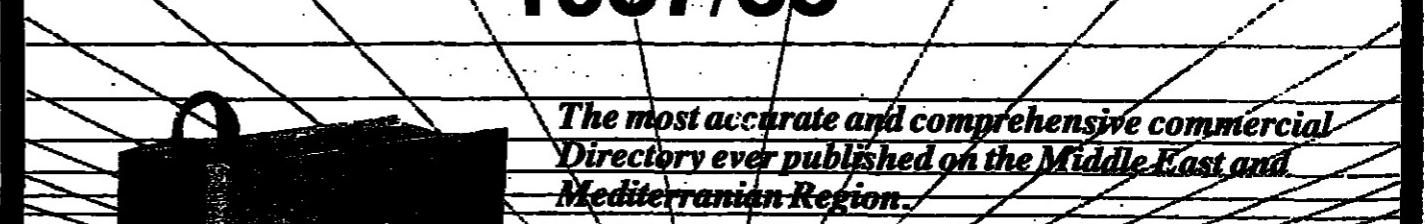
Salem: Villa, 5 bedrooms with swimming pool, KD 850.

Villa with swimming pool, KD 1000 plus many villas and flats available in all areas in Kuwait.

Gulf Real Estate

Tel: 2406502, 2406503

AVAILABLE NOW



SPORTS

Jahangir crushes Adarraga

VALKENWAARD, Netherlands, May 9. (Reuter): Jahangir Khan looked in top form yesterday, easily winning the opening match of his campaign to regain the World Open squash championship.

The Pakistani seemed untrou-

bled by a recent wrist injury and brutally exposed Australian Alan Adarraga's tactical intentions to win his first round match 9-1 9-0 9-2 in 30 minutes.

Jahangir is seeded number two to meet compatriot arch rival and defending champion Jan- shier Khan in the final.

Australians Chris Dittmar and Rodney Martin, ranked three and four in the world, are in Jahangir's half of the draw and each notched up comfortable wins in their opening matches.

The left-handed Dittmar, beaten by Jansher in the World Open final last year and the Paris Open 11 days ago, defeated Swedish number one Anders Wahleffet 9-7 9-4 9-2.

Qualifier

Martin, who beat Jansher in the British Open last month, was untroubled by Australian qualifier Rodney Eyles, winning 9-3 9-4 9-1.

Pakistani Maqsood Ahmed, a former top 10 player who has slipped way down the rankings due to injury over the past 18 months, caused the one upset of the day by beating third-ranked Pakistani Zarak Khan 10-8 9-19-7.

The players have a rest day today and turn their attention to proposed controversial changes in the rules for Grand Prix circuit matches at the International Squash Players Association annual meeting in Amsterdam.

May resumes tomorrow in Amsterdam.

Formula GP

MELLEUNGA, Italy, May 9. (AP): Gregor Foitek of Switzerland, driving a Lola-Cosworth T88, won the Grand Prix of Rome in the second event of the World Formula 3 championship yesterday.

The 23-year-old, who started the race in pole-position, covered the 200-km course in one hour, 13 minutes, 49.83 seconds.

LANCASHIRE MOVE TO TOP OF SUNDAY LEAGUE**Fairbrother hits Notts for ton**

LONDON, May 9, (AP): Neil Fairbrother's hopes of holding a regular place with England after his poor winter tour received another boost yesterday when he scored his second century in three days against Nottinghamshire to help Lancashire to the top of the Refuge Assurance Sunday League.

Fairbrother almost won the match single-handed, hitting a six off the last ball to help his side to a two-wicket win.

He scored 101 in the current championship match and yesterday made an unbeaten 116, reaching his hundred off 97 balls with eight fours.

Paced

Derek Randall made 54 for Notts and Franklin Stephenson weighed in with 43 to help the total to 202 for seven. But their efforts paled into insignificance as Fairbrother battered their attack.

Lancashire swept clear at the top after Gloucestershire lost a last-ball thriller to Northamptonshire and Middlesex could only share the points after being washed away by a storm at the Oval.

Alan Walker edged a four off the final delivery to give Northants victory following a rush of wickets which almost left a second wicket stand of 107 in 24 overs between Wayne Larkins and Allan Lamb meaning nothing.

Pistons and Hawks triumph

NEW YORK, May 9, (AP): The Detroit Pistons, Chicago Bulls and Atlanta Hawks worked all season to get a homecourt advantage in the first round of the NBA playoffs, and that's exactly what they got.

Those three teams won all of their home games and lost all their road games in their best-of-five first-round series, and as a result they advanced to the Eastern Conference semifinals with victories yesterday. In the East, the home team won 18 of 19 first-round games, with Boston's series-clinching victory at New York on Friday the only road triumph.

"This is what you play for all season, the fifth game at home," Detroit's Dennis Rodman said.

DETROIT, May 9. (AP): Driving a Lola-Cosworth T88, Gregor Foitek of Switzerland, won the Grand Prix of Rome in the second event of the World Formula 3 championship yesterday.

The 23-year-old, who started the race in pole-position, covered the 200-km course in one hour, 13 minutes, 49.83 seconds.



Botham: two for 32

Lamb hit 59 in the chase to overhaul a modest 169 for seven but the loss of seven wickets for 27 runs set up a thrilling climax.

Meanwhile Somerset captain Peter Roebuck denied he had angrily confronted arch-rival Ian Botham after the former England skipper now with Worcestershire had brilliantly caught

and bowled him.

Roebuck seemed to gesticulate in annoyance with his bat as Botham triumphantly celebrated in typical gladiatorial pose.

Botham was clearly more than happy at sending back the man he blames for his walk-out on Somerset two winters ago.

Botham finished with two for 32 from eight over as Somerset struggled to 143 for eight in their 40 overs. Worcester, Sunday League champions, went on to their first League victory of the season by seven wickets with Graeme Hick, back at the crease after his epic 405 not out on Friday, contributing 29.

Results

At Leicester: Leicestershire v Kent — match abandoned without play, Leicestershire two points, Kent two.

At Northampton: Northamptonshire beat Gloucestershire by one wicket. Gloucestershire 169 for seven innings closed (W. Athey 51). Northamptonshire 172 for nine innings closed (A. Lamb 59).

At Derby: Essex beat Derbyshire by 59 runs. Essex 201 for five innings closed (B. Hardie 64, G. Goode 44, P. Newman three for 30). Derbyshire 142 for 34 overs (D. Topley three for 25) Essex four points.

At the Oval: Surrey v Middlesex — match abandoned. Surrey 200 innings closed (D. Smith 54, M. Lynch 48, N. Williams four for 39). Middlesex 31 for three off 8.5 overs. Surrey two points. Middlesex two.

At Taunton: Worcestershire beat Somerset by seven wickets. Somerset 145

for eight innings closed. Worcestershire 148 for three off 35.3 overs (T. Curtis 63). Worcestershire four points.

At Edgbaston: Yorkshire beat Warwickshire by 27 runs. Yorkshire 208 for seven innings closed (J. Love 43, M. Moxon 41). Warwickshire 181 for eight innings closed (A. Moles 79). Yorkshire four points.

At Trent Bridge: Lancashire beat Nottinghamshire by two wickets. Nottinghamshire 202 for seven innings closed (D. Randall 54, F. Stephenson 43). Lancashire 208 for eight innings closed (N. Fairbrother 116 not out). Lancashire four points.

At Southampton: Hampshire beat Glamorgan by 60 runs. Hampshire 212 for five innings closed; M. Nicholas 63 not out, C. Smith 44, D. Turner 43). Glamorgan 152 for eight innings closed (J. Hopkins 40 not out, J. Aylng three for 31). Hampshire four points.

Toss results

At Arundel: West Indies beat Duchess of Norfolk's XI by 66 runs in a 40 overs-a-side match. West Indies 201 for five innings closed (A. Logie 53, C. Hooper 62, D. Haynes 50). Duchess of Norfolk's XI 135 for five innings closed (Imran Khan 56 not out, M. Marshall three for 7).

Standings

Standings in English Sunday League cricket after yesterday's matches (tableau — played, won, lost, no result, points):

	3	3	0	1	12
Middlesex	3	2	0	1	10
Essex	3	1	1	0	8
Gloucestershire	3	2	1	0	8
Derbyshire	3	1	1	1	6
Kent	3	1	1	1	6
Leicestershire	3	1	1	1	6
Surrey	2	1	0	1	6
Yorkshire	2	1	0	1	6
Glamorgan	3	1	2	0	4
Hampshire	3	1	2	0	4
Nottinghamshire	2	1	1	0	4
Sussex	3	1	2	0	4
Worcestershire	3	1	2	0	4
Warwickshire	2	0	2	0	0
Somerset	3	0	3	0	0

Easy 100m win for Ashford

HAMAMATSU, Japan, May 9. (Reuter): American Evelyn Ashford declared herself on course to retain her Olympic 100 metres title in Seoul in September after an easy victory at the Shizukao International athletics meeting yesterday.

The Los Angeles Olympic gold medalist blazed past second place finisher Zhang Xiaojiong of China, although her winning time was about half a second slower than her world mark.

"My legs are tired after the flight over," explained Ashford, who clocked 11.23 seconds.

The Seyassah and Arab Times newspapers, in cooperation with Messilah Beach Hotel are organising



● A delegation from the Al Kuwait Sports Club met HH the Amir on Sunday. Al Kuwait won the Amir's Cup last Wednesday after beating Kazma in the final.

Stewart helps Athletics brush aside Indians

NEW YORK, May 9. (AP): It's too early for a showdown, Dave Stewart said. But he's got the Oakland Athletics headed toward showdown territory.

Stewart remained undefeated yesterday, beating the Cleveland Indians 6-1 and sending the Oakland Athletics to a club-record 13th straight victory against another previously unbeaten pitcher, Greg Swindell.

In the rest of the AL, it was Texas 10, New York 8; Detroit 9, Seattle 3; Milwaukee 6, Kansas City 2 in 10 innnings; Boston 10, Minnesota 6; and Baltimore 6, Chicago 5 in 10 innnings.

In the National League it was New York 5, Cincinnati 1; Houston 7, Montreal 2; Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 1; Los Angeles 12, St Louis 6; Chicago 13; San Francisco 7 and Pittsburgh 6, San Diego 2.

Mets 5, Reds 1

Ron Darling pitched a three-hitter as New York beat visiting Cincinnati for its fifth straight victory and 10th in 11 games.

The Mets took a 1-0 lead in the first inning off Mario Soto on a double by Tim Teufel, an infield out, and a single by Darryl Strawberry.

The Mets added four runs in the seventh, three on run-scoring singles by Howard Johnson, Kevin Elster and Keith Hernandez.

The Reds are 6-0 against the Mets this year.

Phillies 5, Braves 1

Bruce Ruffin pitched a three-hitter and retired the last 19 batters as Philadelphia beat the Braves at Atlanta.

Ruffin, 3-2, walked one and struck out four.

With the score tied 1-1 in the sixth, Von Hayes singled with two outs and Chris James followed with his third home run.

Astros 7, Expos 2

Bob Knepper allowed seven hits in seven-plus innings and Dennis Walling drove in two runs, leading Houston over Montreal at Olympic stadium.

Knepper, 4-0, who walked only six coming in to the game, struggled with his control against the Expos. He walked five and had a wild pitch, all in the first four innings.

Knepper leads the NL with an 0.77 earned run average.

Dodgers 12, Cardinals 6

Mike Marshall's two-run double keyed a three-run fifth inning rally and Mike Davis had four hits and drove in three runs as visiting Los Angeles routed St Louis.

The Dodgers then hammered Jose DeLeon and reliever Steve Peters for five hits and seven runs in the seventh, including Davis' two-run triple.

Don Sutton, 2-2, allowed six hits and five runs in seven innings en route to his 323rd career victory.

Jaguar score 3rd straight victory

SILVERSTONE, England, May 9. (Reuter): Jaguar scored their third successive World Sportscar Championship victory yesterday in a tight race against Mercedes.

Two factory Jaguars and two Mercedes battled throughout the 1,000 kms test until Martin Brundle of Britain and his American partner Eddie Cheever edged home by 36 seconds.

Mercedes were second and third, with world championship leader Jean-Louis Schlesser of France and West German Joachim Mass finishing two laps ahead of team-mates James Weaver of Britain and Mauro Baldi of Italy.

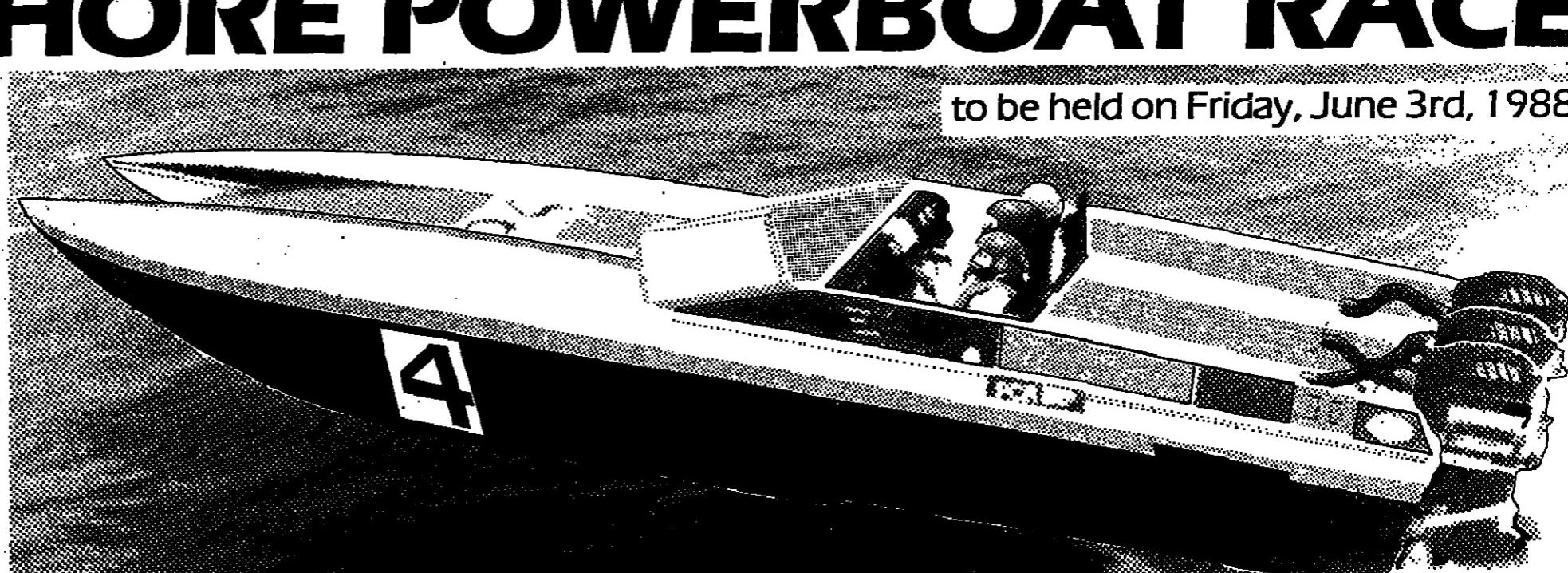
The other Jaguar, shared by Johnny Dumfries of Britain and Dutchman Jan Lammers, ran out of fuel with just six laps of the 210-lap race remaining.

Result (1,000 kms — 210 laps):

1. Martin Brundle (Britain)/Eddie Cheever (US) Jaguar four hours 50 minutes 48.59 seconds (207.02 kph); 2. Jean-Louis Schlesser (France)/Joachim Mass (West Germany) Mercedes 4:51.24.30; 3. Mauro Baldi (Italy)/James Weaver (Britain) Mercedes 208 laps; 4. Derek Bell/Tiff Needell (Britain) Porsche 205; 5. Bob Wollek (France)/David Hobbs (Britain)/Philippe Streiff (France) Porsche 201.



The Seyassah and Arab Times newspapers, in cooperation with Messilah Beach Hotel are organising

KUWAIT'S 2ND BI-ANNUAL OFFSHORE POWERBOAT RACE

The 61.1 Nautical mile race will start from the beach opposite the Messilah Beach Hotel.

Official Sponsors

Official Race Hotel
مكتب شارلوك هولمز
Messilah Beach Hotel Kuwait



Al-Rodan Trading & Contracting Est.
الردن للتجارة والمقاولات



HONDA
CRX

Entry fee per person KD 15.000

Same day entry
Kuwait's 2nd Bi-Annual Powerboat Race

SPORTS

WORLD NO. 5 TAKES \$40,000 TOP PRIZE

Sabatini holds off Kelesi for title

Sabatini: had a difficult second set

Agassi edges Zivojinovic for crown

NEW YORK, May 9, (AP): Andre Agassi won his fourth match in 45 hours, beating Slobodan Zivojinovic 7-5, 7-6 (7-2), 7-5 yesterday in the final of the Tournament of Champions.

It was the third title of the year for the 18-year-old from Las Vegas, Nevada, who also won last week's US Clay Court Championship and the US Indoor championship in February.

Agassi, the first American to win the TOC since John McEnroe beat Ivan Lendl in the 1984 final, said he wasn't bothered by his heavy playing schedule the last three days.

Because of rain delays, the fifth-seeded Agassi and No. 8 Zivojinovic each had to finish one match Friday night and play two more Saturday.

Rankings

"I was too excited to get tired," said Agassi, who has moved up to No. 15 in the world rankings. "I was a little fatigued, but I came back and gave it my best shot."

Agassi, who didn't lose a set in the tournament, used his powerful groundstrokes to keep his Yugoslavian opponent on the run before a crowd of 12,898 at the West Side Tennis Club.

Zivojinovic, who relies heavily on his booming serve, did not take advantage of his main weapon. He had only three aces — the same as Agassi — and was broken seven times while getting only 51 per cent of his first serves in.

"I was feeling a little tired," said Zivojinovic, ranked 31st in the world. "But I am happy with the way I played all week."

Perez-Roldan overcomes Svensson

MUNICH, West Germany, May 9, (Reuter): Argentina's Guillermo Perez-Roldan won the \$202,000 Bavarian international men's tennis tournament yesterday for the second successive year, beating Jonas B. Svensson of Sweden 7-5, 6-3.

The 18-year-old sixth seed took just 84 minutes to win the fourth Grand Prix title of his career.

After a shaky start when the Swede's aggressive serve and volleys caused him some difficulty, Perez-Roldan squeezed through to win the first set. But he was firmly in command in the second.

Better

Svensson, world-ranked 23rd, felt he made too many mistakes.

"Guillermo was just far better than me today," said fifth seed Svensson, who on Saturday beat second seed Emilio Sanchez of Spain 6-7, 6-4.

Perez-Roldan said: "For me this win today was special as it was here in Munich that I won my first major tournament."

In his semifinal on Saturday, Perez-Roldan ousted Australian Wally Masur, who earlier in the tournament beat the top seed, Anders Jarryd of Sweden.

Lendl wins

EDE, Holland, May 9, (UPI): World No. 1 Ivan Lendl beat Australian John Frawley 2-6, 6-4, 6-1 yesterday to win the Ede Invitational exhibition event.

Lendl picked up a cheque for \$50,000 for winning the event and another \$50,000 appearance money.

ROME, May 9, (UPI): Second seed Gabriela Sabatini, battling to live up to her tournament favourite's role, held off a charge from injured Canadian Helen Kelesi yesterday to take the title at the \$200,000 Italian Open women's tennis championships 6-1, 6-7 (4-7), 6-1.

Argentina's Sabatini, touted to win the \$40,000 top prize after the injury defection Thursday of top-ranked Chris Evert, got into a struggle with the 18-year-old Kelesi on a blisteringly hot and humid day at the Foro Italico.

Sliding

Kelesi, the world No. 10, was nursing a slight groin strain, the result of what she said was two weeks of sliding on Italian clay courts.

"Maybe I lost some of my motivation here," Sabatini said. "But despite losing, I think I played well in the second set. Helen looked very tired out there."

Kelesi, whose parents fled the 1968 uprising in Czechoslovakia

the year before she was born, stormed back to win the the second set after changing match strategy in an effort to shake off a case of centre court nerves.

"I had a hard time finding the court in the first set," said Kelesi, winner last Sunday of a minor tournament in Taranto, in southern Italy.

"In the second, I tried to just concentrate on the ball. She was tiring and the points seemed so long."

Kelesi levelled the sets in brilliant fashion after winning only two points her first two times at serve in the opening set.

The Canadian won the first game of the second set, but Sabatini made 1-1 and blistered in two successive aces to save break points in the fourth game.

Kelesi got her first break of the 17-year-old Argentine's service in the sixth game as Sabatini began to feel the heat and delivered a weak backhand push into the net to lose.

The title-favourite lost serve in the 10th game for 5-5 and slumped

ped to 5-6 as Kelesi held.

Sabatini rallied to force the hour-long set to a tiebreak finish at 6-6, but lost 4-7 to throw the match into a decider.

Despite what she termed a sub-par performance, Sabatini said she emerged satisfied after victory in her first major tournament.

"I'm always happy when I win, but may be with Chris not playing, I lost some motivation here."

Sabatini world No. 5, praised Kelesi's fightback.

"She was tough and confident. She didn't make too many mistakes," the Argentine said.

Boosted

Kelesi pronounced herself "pleased with my tennis in the second set" after the draining two-and-a-half hour outing.

The hard-fought victory boosted Sabatini to a 4-0 career record over Kelesi.

The Canadian's winning set yesterday in front of 7,500 fans was only the second she had ever taken from Sabatini.



Snowden: top player

ness on the field will be used as an example to others. Finally Casuals bade farewell to Frank Davis, an excellent fielder with a batting average of 20 runs this season. Davis leaves to take up a teaching job in Africa.

Next year's officials will be: captain — Richard Snowden; vice-captain — Val Tudball; treasurer — Steve Anderson; team secretary — Simon E.T. Clements and club secretary Tim Stafford.

Stern test

WELLINGTON, May 9, (Reuters): A stern test of ability and strength of character faces the Welsh Rugby Union team when they arrive in New Zealand on Thursday for a month-long tour.

Cup qualifier

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, May 9, (Reuters): Trinidad and Tobago beat Guyana 1-0 in the second leg of their first round World Cup soccer Concacaf qualifying match yesterday.

PSV win

AMSTERDAM, May 9, (Reuters): PSV Eindhoven, international striker Wim Kieft fired another warning to European Cup final opponents Benfica yesterday. The Dutch master scored followed up the four goals he put past Sparta Rotterdam last weekend with three more against DS 79, as PSV won 4-0.

Motocross GP

STURUP, Sweden, May 9, (Reuters): Briton David Thorpe recovered from a first bend crash to finish fifth in the Swedish 500 cc Motocross Grand Prix and extend his lead in the World Championship standings.

Motorcyclist dies

CARSON, California, May 9, (AP): Motorcycle racer Ted Boddy of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, died yesterday of injuries suffered in a crash during a weekend American Motorcyclist Association Grand National Series race at Ascot Park, a track official said.

Spanish rider

ANDORRA LA VELLA, Spain, May 9, (AP): Spanish Iaki Gaston won the 14th leg of the 43rd Tour of Spain cycling race, and his countryman Laudelino Cubino kept the yellow jersey as overall leader of the competition.

Title fight

ROME, May 9, (AP): World Boxing Association (WBA) junior welterweight champion Juan Martin Coggi of Argentina will stage his second title defense against American challenger John Meekins next July 3.

Davis Cup

NEW YORK, May 9, (AP): Two African nations, Senegal and Nigeria, closed in on world group berths after winning Davis Cup tennis competitions this past weekend. Senegal defeated Bulgaria 4-1 and Nigeria blanked Hungary 5-0 in European African Zone Group I play to advance to the semifinals, which will be held June 10-12.

Koch clinches top spot

LAS VEGAS, May 9, (Reuters): American Gary Koch, a tour non-winner since 1984, rallied from three shots behind yesterday to win the \$1.4 million Las Vegas Invitational golf tournament with a 72-hole score of 14-under-par 274.

Koch, a winner five times before in his career, had plummeted to 175th on the money list in 1987 and entered this event as a sponsor choice.

Koch bogeyed the par-three 14th hole to drop to 14-under-par but parred his way around to finish at that figure.

RESULTS of the Hilden Bridge Club game played on Saturday:

N/S

1. Dona Materny & Sheria Bayonet.

2. Shaeel & Ghanem.

3. Sandra Turvey & Dr Adel Bayonet.

4/W

1. Mrs Pereira & D'Souza.

2. Abbott & Esquife.

3. Simon & Dimaria.

Results of the Hilden Bridge Club game played on Sunday:

1. Mr. & Mrs. Stoddart & Kennedy.

2. Mrs Rita & Mr. Saad.

3. Dr Raymond & Sheria.

Supplement on powerboat racing

Arab Times and Seyassah newspapers are sponsoring an Offshore Powerboat Race, to be held in Kuwait on June 3, 1988.

They are preparing a special programme supplement, which will feature editorial about powerboat racing, as well as photographs of past races. It will also contain the regulations for the event. Every competitor, both from within and from outside Kuwait will receive a copy.

The supplement will be produced in English and Arabic, and the copies will be distributed free at the participating hotels and to competitors. Those interested in advertising in the publication should contact Liza 2418738 or 2418730.

Milan move two points clear of Napoli

ROME, May 9, (Reuters): Rudd Gullit's AC Milan stood one point away from the Italian soccer title with one match remaining as champions Napoli fell 3-2 to Fiorentina yesterday.

Milan could have clinched the crown with a win over Juventus but were held 0-0 at home. The result put them two points clear of Napoli, playing without injured Argentine World Cup captain Diego Maradona for the first time this season.

The young Italian international picked up a rebound from a free kick from Alessandro Renica and slotted home.

Fiorentina's Argentine centre forward Ramon Diaz quickened the pace in the second half, hitting an angled shot from the left into the net in the 58th minute and increasing the lead in the 71st. Renica rallied his demoralized team mates with a consolation goal in the penultimate minute.

Torino beat Roma 2-0 to push their claim while Inter saw a 2-0 lead over Cesena evaporate to a

2-2 draw.

At the bottom of the league, Empoli, penalised five points from the start of the season for involvement in a match-fixing scandal, was relegated to the Second Division with a 1-0 defeat at Avellino, also threatened with the drop.

Results

Avellino	1	Empoli	0				
Cesena	2	Internazionale	2				
Fiorentina	3	Napoli	2				
Milan	0	Juventus	0				
Pescara	0	Ascoli	0				
Sampdoria	2	Pisa	0				
Torino	2	Roma	0				
Venice	0	Como	1				
Leading standings (tabulate under played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points).							
AC Milan	29	17	10	2	42	13	44
Napoli	29	18	6	5	54	25	42
Roma	29	14	8	7	38	26	36
Sampdoria	29	12	11	6	39	29	35
Internazionale	29	11	9	9	41	34	31
Juventus	29	11	9	9	34	28	31
Torino	29	8	15	6	33	28	31

Maradona in tears as title slips away

ROME, May 9, (Reuters): Diego Maradona watched and wept as the Italian Soccer Championship slipped away from Napoli.

The Argentine World Cup captain, forced to miss his first match of the season with a thigh injury, looked on helplessly from the stands as Napoli's defeat by Fiorentina yesterday all but ended their hopes of retaining the championship.

When Fiorentina scored their third goal, Diego started to cry," Napoli director Luciano Moggi said afterwards.

Maradona drove away from the ground immediately after the match saying only: "I am heartbroken."

Lost

Napoli still have a mathematical chance of winning the title if AC Milan lose at Como and they beat Sampdoria in next weekend's final round of matches.

But Maradona's teammate, Brazilian international striker Careca, said: "We have no hope now. We can only hope in Como. We have lost the title."

Veteran defender Salvatore Bagni added: "There's no point kidding ourselves with maths.

Some of the winners with their prizes.

One of the players notes the score during a game.

from bridge for this duration, proved that she is still among the best in Kuwait by finishing close behind Murthwaite.

Lyn Edwards took the third position while Pearl Leavy was fourth. Jamila, Nahil's mother, again made sure that there were at least two members of the

family among the top five by taking the fifth position.

The Messiah Ladies Bridge Club also held its End of the Year Tournament on Saturday. The tournament was